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President's Message

Dear Members:

I'm watching a pair of American Robins in my side yard working constantly to feed their newly hatched brood, thinking: "That is their full time job." No time to mutter about wanting to do something else. They are busy. They know what to do and they do it. Their purpose is pure. They have a family to feed and protect and that is what they do. Period. No discussion. No complaining about having to take out the fecal sacs. No saying; "Let's just order in bugs for dinner tonight."

Is a bird ever unemployed? They seem to have something to do all day. At the very least they are watching out for prey or maybe keeping an eye out for a good sack of tent caterpillars. While we are driving to the grocery store or the daycare, they are searching for a good swarm of gnats or are stashing the kid in a tree and saying. "Keep quiet and out of trouble and I'll bring you something nice and juicy when I come back."

Think about purpose. A bird's purpose is so essentially simple. Simple joys are always out there and IOSers belong to a group of people who are aware of one of the pure, simple things life offers us: Watching birds. We can look out the window, walk down the street, or ride a bike and find the most amazing birding encounter at the most surprising time. That bird just enriched your life just by being a bird! He's never going to be unemployed.

A bird's existence though, seems to depend on man's action or inaction. IOS provides several means to help birds in the state of Illinois. This year, in fact, IOS has administered funding for nine grants supporting birds or bird-related projects in Illinois. With your annual membership renewal, please consider donating to IOS at a higher level. These include Contributing: $50–$99; Supporting: $100–$499; Sponsor: $500–$1,999, and Patron: $2,000+. Since we are a volunteer organization, your donation goes directly to the bottom line to support IOS's mission of science, education, and birding.

In each issue of *Meadowlark* we have published a list of members who have contributed at a higher level. To keep the published list of generous members accurate, we will now publish it annually. I want to thank all the patrons, sponsors, supporters, and contributors who so kindly contribute more to IOS.

Best regards and good birding,

Jenny Vogt,
President

Letter from the Editor

Jenny Vogt's president's message about the employment of birds got me to thinking about employment vs. volunteerism. We work because we love it, or we need to make money to feed the family, we need health insurance, we need something to do, and so many other reasons.

But why do we volunteer?

As I writer, I interview volunteers who served in various capacities, and always ask to name their main reason for volunteering. The answer surprised me. Of course, they want to help others. But an equally important reason is to experience camaraderie. I heard it over and over again. And I think the reason I continue to edit *Meadowlark* and come to the board meetings, and come to our spring weekends, is yes, because I love and want to help birds, but also because of the camaraderie.

IOS volunteers have a special spirit, a special desire to help birds, help people learn to bird – and even more importantly, help buoy one another up to be the best we can be, to support one another in times of trouble and pain and to congratulate one another in times of joy and excitement.

There have been so many times in these past 19 years that I've been involved with IOS that something tragic has happened to me or some other volunteer – divorce, death in a family, illness in a family, lost jobs, you name it. And it always seems that the volunteers are there to hold your hand, offer you a word of compassion, do one little thing that really makes a difference.

If you are missing that in your life and you love birds, consider volunteering for IOS. Get to know the fine board members, photographers, writers, membership chairs, envelope stuffers, artists, newsletter writer and designers, spring weekend greeters, field trip leaders, web designers, web masters, all the folks who help make IOS what it is.

Because, it's true what you've heard: When you volunteer, you get back so much more than you give.

Thank you, wonderful volunteers, for not only doing so much for IOS, but also for helping me be a better person just for knowing and working with you.

Sheryl DeVore

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About Our Cover:

IOS Board Member Barbara Williams created this issue's cover of Mississippi Kites. She's been a devoted student of natural history for many years and has been a birder since she saw her first Scarlet Tanager at the age of 4. She ran the biology department at the Burpee Museum of Natural History for 13 years. She lives in Rockford with her husband, Daniel.

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Birdnotes from a bygone era

By Steven D. Bailey

Bohemian Waxwing photo by Dennis Oehmke.

This article begins a regular series of contributions making historic comparisons between Illinois birds and birding in earlier days with contemporary bird status and knowledge. A great deal of similar fascinating and important knowledge can be gleaned from the writings of such past, preeminent Illinois ornithologists like Robert Ridgway, Margaret Morse Nice, and Frank Bellrose and lesser-known biologists like C.T. Black, H.K. Coale, and B.T. Gault, as well as today's birders and ornithologists.

Those interested in learning more, should consult the literature cited section at the end of these articles. This section can be a treasure-trove of even more interesting bird information to be found.

"Once about seventy-five birds lit on the frozen surface of Dead River, making a picture I shall long remember, but it was for only a minute as the last ones had hardly alighted when the first were up and away."

– Colin Campbell Sanborn (1922a), a zoologist with The Field Museum in Chicago, describing his 1919 experience of watching possibly Illinois' most memorable Bohemian Waxwing irruption into the state at "Beach," much of which is now known as Illinois Beach State Park.

The photo above was taken 25 August 1925 by T. H. Frison and A.S. Beardsley shows the Dead River (formerly known as the Blind River) looking northeast toward Lake Michigan from the high-quality dune and swale areas at Illinois Beach State Park.

Photo courtesy of the Illinois Natural History Survey archives.

Birds and birding at "Beach"

"Beach" is a favorite birding area of mine in extreme northeastern Illinois just south of the Wisconsin state line, composed today mainly of Illinois Beach State Park, but extending south to the northern edges of the town of Waukegan and north to Winthrop Harbor and the Wisconsin state line. Much of it also just happens to be a state nature preserve and National Natural Landmark and one of the richest and biologically most diverse areas in the state (McFall and Karnes 1995). For a good history and description of the area see Ross (1963) and Greenberg (2002). Much of the following historic bird information comes from two articles published in the ornithological journal, The Auk, by John Farwell Ferry (1907), a bird collector for Chicago's Field Museum, and by Colin Campbell Sanborn (1922a), an early collector for The Field Museum and later the Museum's Curator of Mammals.

Many of the writings involving the locations of the birds are simply stated as being at "Beach." In Sanborn (1922a), Beach was said to lie "forty miles north of Chicago" and stretch "seven miles due north of Waukegan, a growing manufacturing town. It averages about one mile wide in width, with Lake Michigan on one side, and a high bluff, which is characteristic of the region north of Chicago, on the other. Along the lake stretch low sand ridges, and west of these is a large swamp, the open water

*This photo taken 25 August 1925 by T. H. Frison and A.S. Beardsley shows the foredune at Illinois Beach State Park with trailing or Waukegan juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*) which the state-endangered Brewer's Blackbird has nested within. Black oak sand savanna is seen in the background.*

Photo courtesy of the Illinois Natural History Survey archives.

High-quality sand prairie, often formerly referred to as sand or Waukegan flats, along the Dead River looking west from the Lake Michigan shoreline. This photo taken by James S. Ayars August 13, 1937 typifies what the habitat looked like at Illinois Beach State Park before the Douglas and Sons Nursery planted thousands of trees. Some of this high-quality sand prairie remains today.

Photo courtesy of the Illinois Natural History Survey archives.

of which is locally known as Dead Lake. This swamp drains into Lake Michigan through Dead River on the north and Little Dead River, which has now been dredged out to form a large harbor (Waukegan Harbor), on the south."

Keep in mind that some of Illinois' earliest historic accounts of birds to be found within the state begin with Robert Kennicott's (1854) "Catalogue of animals observed in Cook County," although E.W. Nelson was also active at least as early as the late 1840s. Per Ferry (1907), "between the years 1853 and 1873 it (the Beach area) was thoroughly explored by Robert Kennicott, E.W. Nelson, and F.T. Jencks, as well as by resident ornithologists, and it has furnished many an interesting bird note for northern Illinois."

Here it is interesting to note Ferry's (1907) perspective concerning the nature of this area, and modifications made to it, which have a distinct effect on some of the more uncommon to rare species often seen in this area yearly yet today.

Ferry describes the popular sentiment of the area at the time, although luckily a large percentage was saved as present-day Illinois Beach State Park: Beach "remains today essentially in its primitive condition. The cause is obvious; the land is practically worthless save for one purpose, that of manufacturing sites. In all probability many years will elapse before the thriving industries of Waukegan... will occupy the whole region."

Ferry goes on to give a brief history of the "experiment" which was initiated at Beach by a local family of nurserymen, the Douglases, who were also active birders! (The "profits" of their labor are still occasionally being reaped by today's birding community.)

"The propagation of many varieties of forest trees was carried on by some local nurserymen on such an extensive scale and in so intelligent a manner that it created a wide interest generally and among those who had the problem to solve of beautifying or reclaiming from practical worthlessness large areas of barren, sandy, or otherwise sterile regions." So much for Ferry's aesthetic appreciation for what many today feel is the beauty of Illinois Beach State Park.

The Douglas nurserymen

The nurserymen to which Ferry referred were Robert J. Douglas and his sons, including Charles W. Douglas, John Douglas, and Thomas H. Douglas, who was a bird collecting companion of E.W. Nelson. Ferry wrote that the sons of the proprietor of the R. Douglas Sons Nursery of Waukegan, then young men, were all active ornithologists. Coale (1912) mentions Thomas, Charles, and John made a "special study of our birds, in the 70s [1870s]" and also mentions that the Douglases kept their own bird collection.

Robert J. Douglas was a pioneer nurseryman, moving from his native England to Waukegan in 1844. His nursery was the first attempt ever to raise conifers commercially (Bailey 1915). He was a United States authority on conifers and became known as the "apostle of tree-planting in the west" (Bailey 1915). Following in his father's footsteps, Thomas was also nationally known, and the Douglas pine (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*, also commonly called Douglas fir) bears his name.

This photo taken October 22, 1935 by an unknown author shows scrubby sand prairie looking southwest toward the Douglas Austrian pine plantation just south of the Dead River, roughly 50 to 65 years after the trees were planted.

Photo courtesy of the Illinois Natural History Survey archives.

This photo taken by Sheryl DeVore in February 2009 shows how immense the Austrian pines have grown since they were planted roughly 135 years ago.

In 1873, the Douglas family bought more than 600 acres (of what is now part of the south end of Illinois Beach State Park) and planted more than 200,000 trees in the next 15 years or so. Many spruce, fir, and pine trees as well as a variety of deciduous trees were planted with the surplus of each year's nursery supply. "The result today…are two long tracts of sturdy Scotch pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), with an occasional European larch (*Larix decidua*), or white pine (*Pinus strobus*)," wrote Ferry (1907). Although a few Scotch pines are still present today, the pines that attract many of the more interesting and rare bird species like Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*), both crossbills, and a variety of pine-loving vagrants (see list at right), are the large Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra*) trees (also planted by the Douglas family) that are found growing atop the sand ridges south of the Dead River. These were the trees often utilized by Illinois' first recorded Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) seen between August and December 2000, (Sweet 2001) and Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) seen in July 2001 and was documented on the 2001 Christmas Bird Count (Semel 2001). The Austrian pine cones have also been fed upon by many Red Crossbills (*Loxia curvirostra*) and also the vagrant Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*), seen in November 2007 (pers. ob.), Illinois' second accepted record (Stotz 2008).

Early collections, sightings including winter finches

Some of the other more interesting bird species that were found (and often collected) by Ferry, Sanborn, and others in this area included Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) and Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*), both Red (*Loxia curvirostra*) and White-winged Crossbills (*Loxia leucoptera*), Common Redpoll (*Carduelis flammea*), Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*), Northern Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*), Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulous*), and even Boreal Chickadee (*Poecile hudsonica*). Three Boreal Chickadees were collected by two different individuals on different dates in November 1906 (Ferry 1907) as well.

Ferry (1907) gives many interesting anecdotes about the diverse variety of rare finches which visited the Beach area. He mentions a pair of Pine Grosbeaks (one collected) encountered in the Beach pines, and of the White-winged Crossbills that arrived, "being fond of juniper berries" and of Robert Douglas seeing them feeding on wild, sunflower seeds, presumably in the dunes prairies at Beach. So many White-winged Crossbills later descended on the Douglas Nursery seedling conifers the following spring, "in such numbers that they were systematically shot." All of the above species were noted just during the fall and early winter of 1906, mainly among the dense pines at Beach. (Although much of Ferry's article concerns the area in and around Beach in northeastern Lake County, his article also involves birds noted as far south as Jackson Park in Chicago, Cook County.)

A Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) was collected at Beach on 7 October 1920 (Sanborn 1922a), and another 15 individuals of this species were noted by a number of observers in the Chicago area that fall and winter (Eifrig 1921, Bohlen 1989). One interesting observance, apparently at Beach, involved a half-eaten White-winged Crossbill found impaled on a dead pine branch, apparently by a Northern Shrike (Ferry 1907).

Two immature male Red Crossbills feast on Austrian pine cone seeds at Illinois Beach State Park, south of the Dead River, one of the most reliable places in the state to find this species. Matthew Fletcher took this photo in November 2007.

The state's first Red-cockaded Woodpecker was often seen feeding and roosting in the Austrian pines at Illinois Beach State Park. Dennis Oehmke took this photo on 7 September 2000.

Charles Douglas saw an "immense" flock of Bohemian Waxwings feeding on juniper berries in the Beach area on 15 March 1876, after the winter of 1875-76 when they were particularly numerous (Nelson 1876). Sanborn (1922a) relates an exceptionally large movement of Bohemian Waxwings that he and noted ornithologist Herbert L. Stoddard witnessed on 30 November 1919, with birds migrating down the Lake Michigan shoreline at Beach and near the Dead River. Flocks of 50-100 birds passed steadily every five or ten minutes between 6:30 a.m. and noon. Sanborn (1922a) said that he and Stoddard estimated about 1,500 birds passed that day, "during which time flocks of fifty to one hundred passed steadily every five or ten minutes...A flock stopped now and then to feed but for the most part the birds were migrating, following the edge of the lake, for none were seen more than a quarter of a mile from the beach."

The author and other birders witnessed a very similar occurrence of migrating White-winged Crossbills during November and early December of 2008 at the nearby Lyons Woods Forest Preserve, although the total number of birds seen on one day was likely smaller than the total number of Bohemian Waxwings Sanborn and Stoddard saw. Both Red and White-winged Crossbill flocks were also seen in the pines south of the Dead River by others during approximately the same time-period, mostly in flight heading south.

Sanborn (1922a) mentioned sighting and collecting several specimens from large flocks of the "Newfoundland" Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra percna*), which is now endangered in Canada, during the fall and winter of 1916-1917 at Beach, as well as a few White-winged Crossbills. Ferry (1907) also relates a good flight of both crossbill species at Beach and points southward during the fall and winter of 1906. Sanborn also mentions numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatch, Northern Shrike, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, and Snow Bunting, regularly encountered in the dune areas at what is now Illinois Beach State Park, and which are often encountered there today as well.

Rare subspecies and breeding records

Several interesting birds, most rare (at least the subspecies) for Illinois, were collected at Beach by Sanborn and others. Included in such a list would be the "Sierra" Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus sequoiensis*); four birds were collected 15 April 1927 and 14 and 28 April 1928; "Western" House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon parkmani*) collected by Sanborn on 24 April 1921 (Coale 1922, see Bohlen 1989); Bachman's Sparrow (*Aimophila aestivalis*) "found in one of the pine groves" on 23 April 1922 by Sanborn (1922b); two different "Oregon" Dark-eyed Juncos (*Junco hyemalis shufeldti* and *J. h. montanus*) (Brodkorb 1930, see Bohlen 1989); and "Greater" Common Redpoll (*Carduelis flammea rostrata*) collected by Sanborn on 7 December 1919 (Brodkorb 1930).

The dunes at Illinois Beach State Park have also been home to rare breeding species, including Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) since at least 1929 (Lyon 1930), and the area still remains one of the very few places where this species can regularly be found breeding in the state. The sand and beach areas north of Waukegan were also formerly one of the few places where the state and federally endangered Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) could find refuge along the lakefront to successfully breed. Nelson (1876) wrote that this plover was a "very common summer resident along the Lake Shore," with some thirty pairs breeding along the beach at Waukegan within the space of two miles. This species has since become extirpated from Illinois as a

breeder, and no nests have been found in the area since 1979 (Bohlen 1989). Russell (1983) gives a good history of this bird as a breeder in the area and in the Midwest.

Sanborn (1922a) relates that Pine Warblers (*Dendroica pinus*) "used to breed at Beach a good many years ago." Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) have bred in the marshes and marshy swales in the Beach area since at least 1876, when some were found breeding by T.H. Douglas (Coale 1912), and it is still one of the more dependable locations to find them in Illinois during the breeding season today. Interestingly, Nelson (1876) also mentions the nesting of Common Nighthawks (*Chordeiles minor*) at Beach, noted by a Mr. Rice in the summer of 1875 and spring of 1876, breeding "in considerable numbers among the sand hills on the Lake shore." To my knowledge, this species rarely if ever breeds here now.

Per Coale (1912) the only record of Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) for Lake County at the time was a mounted specimen in the collection of the Douglas brothers, taken in 1876 at Waukegan. This species was rarely if ever reported again at Beach until 2006, when Eric Walters discovered five males and three females attempting to breed in plantings of large white pines near the lodge at Illinois Beach State Park (Kleen 2007). T.H. Douglas also found a nest with two eggs of a Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) possibly from the Beach area at Waukegan 13 May 1874 (Coale 1912).

Andy Sigler (1992) documented breeding Red Crossbills in the area south of the Dead River on 7 April 1991. This species was building a nest in the crotch of an Austrian pine. Sigler mentions the crossbills nesting at the same location in 1973, when adults and immatures were noted there.

A few significant old breeding records include a Northern Harrier with a nest with 4 eggs on 12 June 1930, a Short-eared Owl with a nest with 6 eggs on 10 May 1925 and a Greater Prairie-Chicken nest with 14 eggs also on 10 May 1925, all found at Beach (Ford et al 1934).

Recent rarities

The latest string of rare sightings at Beach include Brown-headed Nuthatch and Red-cockaded Woodpecker (mentioned earlier) and interestingly, four species of rare corvids, including the latest, Clark's Nutcracker on 3-7 November 2007, found and photographed by Eric Walters. The other corvids include a Black-billed Magpie (*Pica hudsonia*) found 5 October 1963 by A. L. Campbell at Waukegan (Mlodinow 1984); and another found by Joel Greenberg and Jerry Rosenband in the now "famous" Beach pines on 11 October 1980 (Mlodinow 1984, J. Greenberg pers. com.). Beth Chato and Bob Chapel found Illinois' only Scrub-Jay, likely Florida Scrub-Jay, interior race (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) perched atop a pine on 29 September 1984, remaining through 30 October (Chapel and Chato 1986), also in the southern portion of Illinois Beach State Park. Steve Huggins photographed the recently accepted record of a Common Raven (*Corvus corax*), which occurred 54 years to the day from the last record at Chicago (Bohlen 1989), on 13 October 2007, at the Illinois Beach State Park Hawkwatch site (see Stotz 2008). The nutcracker spent most of its time feeding on Austrian pine cone seeds (pers. ob.), as may have the other corvids, save for the raven (only viewed flying over), which may have been feeding on the non-native seeds of cones from Austrian pines, or utilizing the acorns of the numerous native, stunted black oaks (*Quercus velutina*).

Records from various sources, especially from the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee reports and Field Notes sections of the *Meadowlark*, as well as Bohlen (1989), and other sources reveal the following uncommon to rare migrants and wintering species that have been found in the Beach area (or just offshore) with some regularity: Red-throated Loon, Long-tailed Duck, all three scoters, Northern Goshawk, Franklin's Gull, Thayer's Gull, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Red Knot, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Snowy Owl, Northern Shrike, Clay-colored Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Snow Bunting. The Lake Michigan shoreline, as well as the sand dunes and marshy swales just back from the lake between Waukegan and Illinois Beach State Park, may be the best place in the state to view another rare, but regular species, the Whimbrel (often in September). The piers and jetties that stick out from the sandy beaches (and former sand beaches and mouth of the Little Dead River) are likely the easiest place in Illinois to find another rare species, the Purple Sandpiper (especially in November and December), as well as being one of the easier places to find and view Long-tailed Duck and Harlequin Duck in fall and winter.

Other even scarcer vagrants which have been observed and documented at "Beach" include Brant, Ross's Goose, Barrow's Goldeneye, King Eider, Pacific Loon, Western Grebe, Brown Pelican, Reddish Egret, Tricolored Heron, Swainson's Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Mississippi Kite, Golden Eagle, Gyrfalcon, Prairie Falcon, Black Vulture, Whooping Crane, Parasitic Jaeger, Laughing Gull, California Gull, Mew Gull, Little Gull, "Nelson's" Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Ivory Gull (Ford 1956, Bohlen 1989), Gull-billed Tern, Sandwich Tern, Arctic Tern, Least Tern (Ford 1956), King Rail, Black Rail, Yellow Rail, Long-billed Curlew, Hudsonian Godwit, Marbled Godwit, American Avocet, Red Phalarope, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Burrowing Owl, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Townsend's Solitaire (Nelson 1876), Northern Mockingbird, Lark Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Smith's Longspur, and Hoary Redpoll. A Say's Phoebe appeared for two days (22-23 September 2006) (see DeVore 2007), at the north end of the "Beach" area, and spent much of its time feeding low to the ground in the grasses and forbs of the sand prairie (pers. ob.). The exotic European Goldfinch has shown up recently at Illinois Beach State Park. A Grasshopper Sparrow collected on 12 November 1927 would also qualify as a rare, late sighting (Ford et. al 1934). Cave

Pine seedlings in this photo show how the species regenerates readily at Illinois Beach State Park. One of the few species that survived with little care after the planting of many thousands of coniferous and deciduous trees 135 years ago is the Austrian pine. This photo was taken October 21, 1954 by W.E. Clark. Photo courtesy of the Illinois Natural History Survey archives.

Swallows have been observed a few times already and it was just added to the state list. What species will show up at Beach next?

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Author and editor's note:

We invite *Meadowlark* readers to contribute similar articles on historical accounts of Illinois birds compared with today's ornithological conditions. We are happy to accept articles for review that could be published in this column.

Mississippi Kites nest in Rockford: Illinois' most northerly breeding record

Article by Dan Williams
Photos by Vic Berardi

On Monday, 18 August, Chuck Johannson happened to meet Lee Johnson, a long-time Rockford birder and the master bird-bander at the Sand Bluff station. Chuck told Lee about the kites and, on Tuesday, 19 August, Lee and his wife, Lynda, went to the Bloom School parking lot, which has excellent fields of view in three directions. Lee and his wife saw a kite, and a report was posted on the Rockford area telephone birding hotline.

Left: An adult Mississippi Kite holds a Chimney Swift in its talons on 24 August 2008. Swifts were commonly fed to the chick that hatched in July 2008 in Winnebago County.

Below: A Mississippi Kite chick waits in its Winnebago County nest for a meal on 24 August 2008.

On 7 July, 2008, Mike Eickman, a volunteer at the Sand Bluff Banding Station in Winnebago County, was on his way to a meeting of the Sinnissippi Audubon Society Board of Directors. The meeting was being held at the home of Chuck and Jamie Johannson, who live in the neighborhood very near the C. Henry Bloom School in northeast Rockford (Winnebago County). It was a windy, blustery day and a front was moving through. As Eickman approached the Johannsons, he saw a Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*), an Illinois-endangered species, fly overhead.

Over the next few weeks, both Johannsons saw an unusual bird, and sometimes two, flying around the neighborhood. They subsequently came to identify the birds as Mississippi Kites. The Johannsons also saw the kites perched on dead trees or limbs near their home, and looking back, Jamie Johannson recalls seeing birds with the same shape as kites in the neighborhood for several weeks before the 7 July meeting.

The Bloom School neighborhood is park-like, with the Rock River about three-quarters of a mile to the west, and the Spring Creek valley about one-half mile to the north. Spring Creek joins the Rock River to the northwest of the neighborhood. Between the Rock River and the school is a city park that has the Rock River as its western boundary and a tree-lined golf course on its eastern edge. There is also a large wooded cemetery and the wooded campus of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford in the area, both about four blocks west of Bloom School.

Between Spring Creek on the north and the school is a neighborhood of homes with many mature trees in a well-wooded setting, and, in the immediate area right around Bloom School, a neighborhood of more homes with many trees of various ages.

Above: A juvenile Mississippi Kite takes off on one of its first flights on 7 September 2008 after fledging from a Winnebago County nest. Note that the two outer tail feathers are not yet fully grown.

Below right: An adult male Mississippi Kite feeds an insect to a juvenile in Winnebago County on 7 September 2008.

On Wednesday, 20 August, Dan and Barbara Williams went to the Bloom School lot and saw two adult Mississippi Kites. Various observers over the next couple of days saw one or two birds. On Saturday, 23 August, Rob Gough discovered a nest in the neighborhood which he showed to Larry Balch and Ari Nok. There was one chick in the nest.

On Sunday, 24 August, Dan Williams, Vic Berardi, and his wife, Ann Berardi, saw three adult Mississippi Kites (a male and two females) in the vicinity of the Bloom School parking lot. The three observers saw two adult birds (the male and a female) carrying food and, in one instance, the three adult kites, one of which was carrying a Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) in its talons and likely pursuing a potential predator. The neighborhood had Broad-winged (*Buteo platypterus*) and Cooper's (*Accipter cooperii*) Hawks, both adults and immature birds of each species, during the entire course of the observations reported here.

An adult male and an adult female kite were both frequently seen perching in a dead elm tree in a small grove of trees adjoining the school parking lot. While perched, the birds were often eating prey items, including Chimney Swifts. Barbara Williams found primary feathers from Chimney Swifts under the perch tree. The feathers are now at the Burpee Natural History Museum in Rockford.

On 27 August, the chick was out of the nest for the first time and, by 29 August, it was flying to nearby trees. It frequently gave its whistled call, which was repeated by the adults, who were seen coming and going with deliveries of food, including cicada, dragonfly, praying mantis, monarch butterfly, grasshopper, and Chimney Swift. The latter menu item was fascinating, both because the adults were successful in catching swifts on several occasions (including once while we watched) and because we thought that the acrobatic and elusive swifts would not likely be a prey item. Older sources including Bent (1937), who admitted in his writings that he had never seen a Mississippi Kite in his life, wrote "birds apparently are never molested, and small birds show no fear of it." Recent research, however, has shown that "vertebrates… such as small birds and mammals are more frequent and important prey than commonly thought" (Parker 1999).

Nesting habits

In their normal breeding range – Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and adjacent to floodplains on the northern edge of the nesting range (Wheeler 2003) – Mississippi Kites tend to nest in loose colonies in open forest savanna-type of settings (Bent 1937), which include residential areas, golf courses, cemeteries, parks, and campuses (Wheeler 2003). Since the mid-1970s, kites have nested abundantly in many urban areas (Parker 1999). The Bloom School area contains this kind of habitat, just a lot farther north than the species' normal breeding range!

The northern edge of the Mississippi Kite's breeding range in Illinois is in Union, Alexander, Calhoun, Jersey, Monroe, and Randolph counties, all along the Mississippi River in the southern and west-central part of the state, with multiple years of occurrence during the nesting season.

Mississippi Kites typically lay one to two eggs, and very rarely three; two is the normal clutch size (Parker 1999). Studies of breeding kites in southern Illinois showed that 21 of 33 nests held only one egg (Hardin et al. 1977, Evans 1981).

The normal period from hatching to fledging for a Mississippi Kite chick is 30-35 days (Wheeler 2003). Working back from the fledging date on 27 August puts the hatch date for the young Mississippi Kite in Rockford at roughly 23 July. The normal period of incubation from the date the egg is laid to the date of hatching is another 30 days (Wheeler 2003) so the approximate date for laying the egg was 23 June, which is about one month later than the standard date for egg-laying in the normal range of the kite (Parker 2009).

We infer from our observations and Wheeler (2003) that the kites might have attempted a nest elsewhere, had the nest fail, and moved to the school neighborhood, where they nested again, this time successfully. Parker (1999) reports that a pair may attempt to nest again after the loss of a single egg (citing Bent 1937).

Prior to this successful Rockford nest, it was suspected that Mississippi Kites nested near Quincy, Adams County, Illinois in the summer of 1992, when an adult was seen on several dates in June and July (Kleen 1993). An adult was also seen in Adams County on 22 July 1984 (Kleen 1995). Two juveniles were also reported from Adams County on 28 July 2007 (Bailey 2008).

Other northerly records

The Rockford nest record in northern Illinois is one of a series of Mississippi Kites nests that have been found more north and east of their traditional range in recent years. Nests were found southeast of Columbus, in south-central Ohio, in 2007 and the pair returned to nest in 2008. A second pair was discovered in the adjacent Athens County (McCormac and Boone 2009, in press). In 2008, two pairs nested in New Hampshire (McCormac and Boone 2009, in press), and another pair of kites nested in Connecticut (Retter 2008), where Mississippi Kites had also nested in 2005 and 2006 (McCormac and Boone 2009, in press).

Above: An adult Mississippi Kite carries a monarch at Rockford (Winnebago County) on 9 September 2008.

Opposite page: A juvenile Mississippi Kite spreads its wings in Winnebago County on 21 September 2008.

Mississippi Kites are rare in the Winnebago County area, but their rate of occurrence has increased over the past 10 years, primarily as post-breeding vagrants. They are frequently seen near waterways, such as the adult that spent three weeks (26 July to 16 August 1998) near Pierce Lake and along Willow Creek at Rock Cut State Park, northeast of Rockford (Kleen 1999). Another was spotted there the following year, but only for two days, in August (J. Myers pers. comm.); yet another adult was seen there on 22 August 2004 (Stotz 2005). A single adult was at Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, southeast of Rockford, on the Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count on 10 May 2003 (K. Kaltenbach pers. comm.) and Barbara Williams had an adult fly over our house, northwest of Rockford, on 9 July 2003, four days after a major wind storm and weather front came through on 5 July 2003 (Kleen 2004).

September sightings

As the juvenile became stronger, it was able to begin hunting for its own food. It was still seen catching its own food on 20 September, although it was also being fed by the adults. In flight, the juvenile was distinctive and easily separated from the adults, with rich, reddish streaking on the under parts; large, white, irregular spots on the upper feather ends; and a brownish tail with three to four narrow white bands (see Wheeler 2003).

After 1 September, the third adult, one of the females, disappeared. As the days passed, the remaining two adults kept away from the nest area for longer time periods. On occasion, the juvenile would sit near the top of a tree and call repeatedly for quite some time before an adult would arrive with food. The two adults continued to feed the chick until at least 21 September, when the male was observed bringing a monarch butterfly to the juvenile. The last time either adult was seen was 21 September, and the last date that the juvenile was seen was 29 September. An interesting aspect of this species' presence in Rockford is the lateness of the departure date (especially from

an extreme northern breeding location), since most fall migration of Mississippi Kites in North America occurs from late August to mid-September (Parker 1999). This species has been an abundant migrant as far south as Veracruz, Mexico during this time period (Parker 1999).

A search of fall field notes from *Meadowlark* (1991-2007) and *Illinois Birds & Birding* (1990-1991), along with Bohlen (1989), showed many departure dates observed in Illinois for Mississippi Kites are from August, with the remainder mostly coming in the first half of September (18 August through 24 September), with two anomalous dates of 30 October at Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge (Jersey and Calhoun counties) and 4 November at Illinois Beach State Park (Lake County). Robinson (1996) stated most of southern Illinois' breeding Mississippi Kites have departed the state by the end of August. Except for the two anomalous dates, the departure of the juvenile kite from Rockford is the third latest date for the state.

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The exact location of the nest was intentionally not described here to minimize disturbance of the nest location. As this article went to press in May 2009, a pair of Mississippi Kites was seen in the general area where kites nested in 2008.

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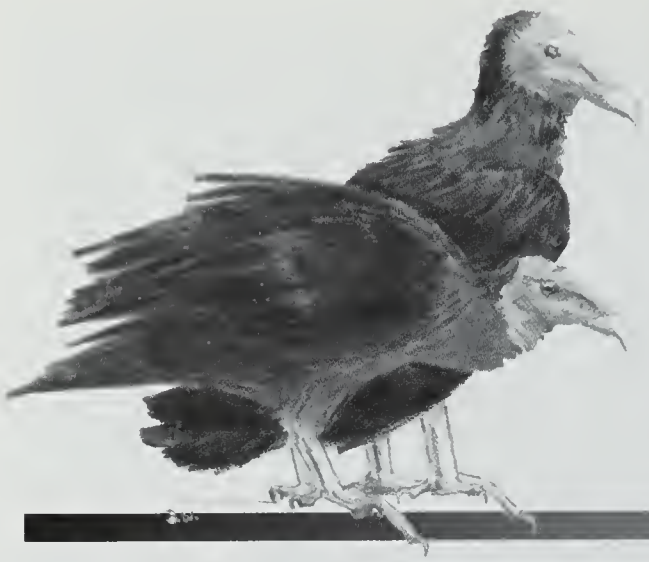

Field Notes

The 2008 breeding season

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Drawing of Black Vultures by Barbara Williams

The weather

Temperatures leading into the peak of the breeding season were well below average; e.g., a reading of 28°F was logged on 9 May at Morris in Grundy County, and eastern Illinois experienced its 11th coldest May since 1895. Precipitation, however, was well above average. It was the wettest December-May period in Illinois since 1895, with more than 25" of precipitation during that period! Rivers during this time were at normal to much above-normal levels, with the Mississippi River, the lower Illinois River, and the Ohio River at Cairo all exceeding flood stage during May. Severe weather was also common, with 12 reports of tornadoes, 108 hail reports, and 54 strong wind reports, with hail and high winds reported frequently toward the end of the month.

In contrast to May, temperatures in June were above average, but precipitation remained exceptionally heavy (close to 2" above the statewide average). Western Illinois areas recorded almost 8" of rain. Again, the Mississippi River, lower Illinois River and Ohio River exceeded flood stage during June. Southeastern Illinois was particularly hard hit, with one town in Crawford County reporting more than 7" of rain in one day and over 15" for the month. These rains produced significant flooding along the Wabash and Embarrass Rivers. Severe weather was again significantly widespread, with 56 tornado reports throughout the month (including 30 reports on 7 June in northeastern Illinois), 133 hail reports and 245 strong wind reports.

Temperatures in July returned to below average while precipitation continued well above average (statewide average of 6.3", almost 2.5" above normal), resulting in the 8th wettest July on record. Northeast Illinois received the least rainfall at 5.29" while the west-southwest recorded the greatest at just over 8". The town of Sherman in Sangamon County reported 6.5" of rain in one day and over 12" for the month, while the Rock River was out of its banks over much of its length most of the summer. Severe weather continued to be widespread, with 3 tornadoes, 51 reports of hail and 199 severe wind reports.

The numerous cold fronts that continued well into May might have hampered the migration of some species. The high water and stream levels in many areas evidently eliminated traditional breeding areas for a variety of species including swallows, Belted Kingfisher, most waterfowl and even Sandhill Cranes, while the recharging of water levels at other sites may have enticed higher numbers and a greater diversity of some wetland species to simply stay in good habitat in Illinois to breed. See, for example, the accounts of rails and bitterns.

Big stories

Small flocks of **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** turned up in four counties, mainly at the southern tip of the state in July. With this species becoming more common in the northern reaches of its US range, could these flocks be a precursor to a regular movement of these birds into our area, much as the Black-necked Stilt moved into Illinois in 1993 as a regular breeding species after extensive flooding further south in the Mississippi valley? Another big story of the 2008 breeding season was the **unprecedented influx of breeding Black-necked Stilts** throughout much of southern and even central Illinois, with a few male and female birds (pairs?) making it as far north as Chicago! Most encounters, even in central Illinois, involved multiple birds or small flocks, while several locations in southern Illinois hosted dozens of stilts, maxing out at well over 100 birds in Alexander County. Most of the stilts found were in flooded agricultural fields, which were quite prevalent during the summer, so who knows how many birds/pairs of this species were not found throughout the state in June and July! Almost as exciting was the presence of breeding pairs of endangered **Wilson's Phalaropes** in several areas.

The biggest surprise of the season was the discovery of a pair/trio of **breeding Mississippi Kites in residential Rockford!** Birders going to observe these birds in late summer initially thought them to be vagrants, but soon discovered a nest with young (see story in this issue).

Vagrants

A **Brown Pelican** was seen well by a very experienced birder as it flew past his residence along Lake Michigan, and a **Neotropic Cormorant** was found at Horseshoe Lake in mid-June. The regularity with which this cormorant has shown up in Illinois the last several years, including during the summer, makes one wonder if breeding may be soon to follow. The most surprising vagrant was a **MacGillivray's Warbler** seen over a three-day period in July in northeast Illinois.

Other notables

As usual, several non-breeding Snow Geese (many injured) lingered well into summer at their usual gathering sites. Among nesting waterfowl, extended cool and wet periods with much flooding during late spring and throughout the summer likely contributed to reduced breeding success, and comments were received from areas statewide regarding delayed nesting or low success for many waterfowl species, including all the common breeders, even cavity-nesting Wood Ducks. **Trumpeter Swans**, added to the state's breeding avifauna in 2006, were back at their previous breeding spot in northwestern Illinois in May, but were apparently flooded out. However, look for breeding to begin sometime soon in northeastern Illinois where at least one pair has summered the last few years. Breeding **Redheads** were a pleasant surprise at two sites. Small numbers of summering Red-breasted and Common Mergansers are now almost an annual event. Also typical was the presence of a few Common Loons (in both breeding and non-breeding plumage), but a **Horned**

Grebe in mid-June was quite unusual. Unfortunately, the recovering breeding population of Sandhill Cranes was negatively affected by flooded, low-lying marshes in Winnebago County and in the heart of their Illinois range in northeastern Illinois. Many pairs without colts were spotted throughout June and July in these areas.

Herons appeared to partly benefit from the extensive flooding during the season, with American Bitterns being especially widespread, with one even in southern Illinois. Both bitterns and most members of the rail family seemed to be extremely delayed in their migrations throughout April and May due to extended bad weather, with the apparent result that many decided to just stop in the many "recharged" wetlands to attempt breeding. However, some may have abandoned typical breeding sites when waters became too deep to feed in. Unfortunately, Snowy and Cattle Egrets and Little Blue Herons were not found at their usual southwestern Illinois rookeries, but many did appear as post-breeding wanderers in the heavily flooded areas near the Mississippi River. One major breeding area near Chautauqua NWR was abandoned for the second year in a row, perhaps partly due to water that was too deep for feeding during most of the summer.

Observers reported numerous King and Virginia Rails, and the state-endangered **Black Rail** was detected at three distinct sites. Soras were found into late May and early June, even in downstate marshes where they are not usually noted after mid-May, and may have attempted nesting there. High rainfall totals and the recharging of formerly shallow or dried-up wetlands also created more breeding habitat in new areas for American Coot, which is fairly uncommon as a breeding species. The sodden conditions in southeastern Illinois may have encouraged a few Wilson's Snipe to remain to nest substantially far south of their normal breeding range within the state. A few other shorebirds were seen well into June as well, making it a bit hard to tell if they were coming or going.

Illinois's four state-endangered species of nesting terns showed little success, due to a variety of negative impacts on their breeding attempts. Flooding along the Mississippi River took away virtually all the usual habitat available to Illinois's breeding population of the federally endangered Least Tern. However, acceptable areas were utilized by this species along gravel roads in Jackson County. Unfortunately, when these roads were closed off by the USF&WS to protect the nesting terns, the terns and their nests mysteriously disappeared. Illinois's sole Common Tern colony once again failed due to Great Horned Owl predation, while breeding Black Terns were found only at their most regular breeding location.

The future continues to look bleak for the state-threatened Loggerhead Shrike, with breeding numbers apparently declining in one of its last strongholds in the southeastern portion of the state. A pair of **Bewick's Wrens**, now nearly extirpated in Illinois, bred once again at their usual site, while **Swainson's Warbler** was singing on territory at a new location in Alexander County. Quite unexpected for the summer season was an **American Pipit in mid-June**.

Informative research efforts

Thanks to all of those observers who take the time to tally and submit counts of various species found during the Breeding Bird Survey Routes that they conduct each summer. They provide excellent baseline data of numbers which can be compared with similar routes conducted throughout the state, as the routes all have the same number of census stops, the same duration of census stops (3 minutes), and all are conducted at approximately the same time. Over enough time, they can show significant trends in increases or declines in numbers of many species of birds.

Although American White Pelicans have not yet been found nesting in Illinois, the picture of their post-nesting movements is becoming clearer. Modest numbers (< 100 individuals) of summering pelicans at Chautauqua NWR begin to build quickly in July, as documented by regular censuses conducted by Richard & Sigurd Bjorklund for the last several years. A tally of 105 pelicans on 11 July rose to 1,096 on 16 July. Where do they come from?

Due to the efforts of Tara Beveroth with the Illinois Natural History Survey and her group of volunteer monitors, we received some quality information statewide on a variety of night birds. This was the first year of a project, flagged in the field notes as MOON (Monitoring Of Owls & Nightjars), designed to provide a clearer picture on the apparent declines (or future increases) of nocturnal species. There has been a large gap in our knowledge of such species for many years. Hopefully, volunteers who helped in 2008 will continue to do so in future years.

A radio telemetry study of Soras in the Champaign area in east-central Illinois showed the effects of the cold and stormy weather in late spring and early summer. One Sora departed into a head wind in a rainstorm one evening. Another moved from the Champaign area to marshland just southeast of Moline, in a more westerly movement than one might expect.

Through his extensive banding activities, Vern Kleen is showing just how numerous post-breeding Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are in late summer in Illinois in localized areas near hummingbird feeders.

In Vermilion County, Mark Alessi found Prairie Warblers to be even more common than in previous years at Illinois's northernmost regular breeding outpost. Alessi also monitored a large number of nesting Yellow-breasted Chats at his study site, but nest success there was very poor, with less than one in ten nests fledging young.

Through volunteer nest-box monitoring and special studies, several early cavity-nesting passerines, including Tree Swallows, Eastern Bluebirds, and Prothonotary Warblers, were found to have been negatively affected in various ways during the cool, wet weather of the early breeding season.

Expanding ranges

Ospreys continue to nest successfully in several areas and seem to be slowly increasing as a breeding species. Bald Eagles are also becoming a more common sight in summer over much of the state, even within agricultural areas and heavily urbanized northeastern Illinois, with a new nest found in spring 2008 at Chain-O-Lakes State Park in McHenry County. Eagles were also seen flying over Lake and Cook Counties, where they formerly were not often noted even in migration, let alone during the summer. As the numerous reports published in this summary illustrate, Cooper's Hawk has reclaimed (surpassed?) its previous widespread range and abundance as a breeder within the state, especially in suburban areas. For the second straight summer, a Merlin showed up in the northeast corner of the state at the end of July. Merlins have become dramatically more common (especially in towns) in winter in Illinois and in several other Midwestern states just within the last decade or so. They are also becoming more common as a breeding species in Wisconsin, with increasing reports from more southerly sites in summer, coupled with a new trend of breeding in towns, similar to many populations of breeding Mississippi Kites.

Birders continue to document the spread of the Eurasian Collared-Dove throughout all areas of the state, at least in small numbers. It will be interesting to see just how common they become.

The continued presence (including pairs) of Red-breasted Nuthatches and Pine Siskins in June and July after impressive

As a printing aid the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	= Earliest Arrival(s)	subad(s)	= subadult(s)	NPsv	= Nature Preserve
LD	= Latest Departure(s)	yg	= young	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge
MC	= Maximum Count(s)	yr	= (plumage) year	P	= Park
NBSO	= Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence	ß / BBS	= Breeding Bird Survey (Route)	Pr	= Prairie
		Blf(s)	= Bluff(s)	Psv	= Preserve
*	= documented record	Btms	= Bottoms	R	= River
IORC	= Illinois Ornithological Records Committee	CA	= Conservation Area	SF	= State Forest
		Co(s)	= County (Counties)	SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife Waterfowl Area
m.ob.	= many observers	Crk	= Creek		
ph	= photo(s)	FP	= Forest Preserve	Sl	= Slough
1st/2nd /...	= first-... plumage/ second-... plumage/etc.	Grv	= Grove	SNA	= State Natural Area
		L	= Lake	SP	= State Park
ad(s)	= adult(s)	L&D	= Lock & Dam (Mississippi River sites for western counties)	Spg(s)	= Spring(s)
imm(s)	= immature(s)			Twp	= Township
incl.	= including	M	= Marsh	U	= University
juv(s)	= juvenal(s)	Mdw	= Meadow	Wds	= Woods
pr(s)	= pair(s)	MOON	= Monitoring Of Owls & Nightjars Project survey route		

Allerton ß = Allerton Park BBS (Piatt/Moultrie Cos)
Allerton P = Robert Allerton Park (Piatt Co)
Am. Btms = American Bottoms (Monroe Co)
Athens ß = Athens BBS (Menard Co)
Bartel Gr = Bartel Grassland Land & Water Reserve, Matteson (Cook Co)
Beaucoup ß = Beaucoup BBS (Washington/Clinton Cos)
Beaverdam ß = Beaverdam L BBS (Pope Co)
Belknap ß = Belknap BBS (Johnson Co)
Burnt Pr ß = Burnt Prairie BBS (White Co)
Busse F = Busse Forest Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
Butterfld Crk LWR = Butterfield Creek Headwaters Land & Water Reserve, Matteson (Cook Co)
Camp Pt ß = Camp Point BBS (Adams Co)
Carl.B/C/F = Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co)
Chau = Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago (Cook Co); see also Grant P, JP, LCal, Linc.P, Montrose H
Columbia ß = Columbia BBS (Monroe/St Clair Cos)
(L) Decatur = (Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
Dogtooth I = Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co)
Dudleyville ß = Dudleyville BBS (Bond Co)
ECape Gir. = East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
Emiquon Psv = The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
EStL = East St Louis (St Clair Co)
Fairbury ß = Fairbury BBS (Livingston/Ford Cos)
F Glen Psv = Forest Glen Preserve (Vermilion Co)
Goose L Pr = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
Grant P = Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Green Oaks = Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co)
GrtLakes = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
Guzy Pr = "Guzy Prairie" = Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands *Land & Water* Reserve (Shelby Co)
Harristown ß = Harristown BBS (Macon/Logan Cos)
Hennepin L = Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
Herrick L FP = Herrick Lake Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
ICCA = Iroquois County Conservation Area (Iroquois Co)
IL = Illinois
Jamestown ß = Jamestown BBS (Clinton/Madison Cos)
JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
Kankakee R SP = Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee County)
Kell ß = Kell BBS (Marion Co)
Kennekuk P = Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)
Kidd L M = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
L Le-Aqua-Na = Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park (Stephenson Co)
L of the Wds FP = Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co)
Ldn-Mlr = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
Linc.P = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Lost Mound = Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co)
Martinsville ß = Martinsville BBS (Clark/Crawford Cos)
Mazonia-Braidwd = Mazonia-Braidwood SFWA (Grundy/ Will/Kankakee Cos)
McClaughrey Spgs Wds = McClaughrey Springs Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
McGinnis Sl = McGinnis Slough, Palos Township (sw. Cook Co)
Mdwbrk P = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
Mermet L = Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
Midewin Pr = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidFork FP = Middle Fork River County Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
Midfork Sav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Milford ß = Milford BBS (Iroquois/Vermilion Cos)
Momence Wetlands = Momence Wetlands Nature Preserve (Kankakee Co)
Montrose H = Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Nachusa Grs = Nachusa Grasslands Preserve (Lee Co)
Nelson L Psv = Nelson Lake Marsh Nature Preserve / Dick Young Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
Linc.P = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Palos = Palos Township (sw. Cook Co)
Panther Crk SFWA = Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (Cass Co)
Paul Douglas FP = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (nw. Cook Co)
Pembroke Twp = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
Philip SP = James "Patc" Philip State Park (formerly Tri County Statc Park) (Cook/Du Page/Kane Cos)
Plum Crk FP = Plum Creek Play Meadow Forest Preserve (se. Cook Co)

winter irruptions suggests likely undetected breeding attempts in northeastern Illinois. Pine Warblers continue their trend of showing up in new summering/breeding(?) areas, especially in northern Illinois, likely as a result of maturing pine plantations. A few Prairie Warblers were detected well outside their normal breeding range in the western and far northern areas of the state.

Increased sightings of Summer Tanagers, Blue Grosbeaks, and Orchard Orioles are altering their "uncommon" to "rare" status in the central and northern portions of the state, while records of Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Vesper Sparrow are similarly increasing at the southern edge of their ranges in southern Illinois. Lark Sparrows were found breeding in several southern Illinois locations where they are rarely seen, especially during the breeding season.

Clay-colored Sparrows continue to investigate areas in their newly expanded breeding range in the Chicago area. Both White-throated and White-crowned Sparrows were once again present in Chicago's lakefront parks (and elsewhere in the state!) through much of June, and White-throated Sparrow was found even in early August. At least one male **Painted Bunting** returned to its usual East St. Louis breeding location.

One **Great-tailed Grackle** was located this summer, but with a large breeding population growing just to the west and even northwest of Illinois across the Mississippi River, can a nesting colony in some wetland in the far western or northwest corner of the state be very far away?

At the end of last year's introduction to the breeding season summary, I raised the question of when breeding would be confirmed for one of the state's most recent exotics, the European Goldfinch. An article by J. A. Craves, "Current status of European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) in the western Great Lakes region," published in the journal *North American Birds* (62:498-501) in 2008 includes recent evidence of breeding in Illinois. Adults with nesting material were photographed at Chicago's Montrose Harbor in 2003; a juvenile was photographed at Harvard in McHenry County in 2005; and three instances of breeding occurred in three separate towns in McHenry County in 2006, with adults feeding young and with juveniles noted.

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Printing aid abbreviations, continued

Pomona	= Pomona Township (primarily Cave Creek area) (Jackson Co)
Poplar Crk FP	= Poplar Creek Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Pratts Wayne Wds	= Pratts Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
PrRdg	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified)
Pulaski ß	= Pulaski BBS (Pulaski/Alexander Cos)
R Bend FP	= River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
Rock Cut	= Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rockfd	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Rollins Sav	= Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Salt Crk Wds	= Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
Sauer Pr	= Sauer Family Prairie Kame Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
Sgmn (Co)	= Sangamon (Co)
Songbird Sl	= Songbird Slough Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Spg Crk FP	= Spring Creek Valley Forest Preserve (nw. Cook Co, including site so labelled in the 2003 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas* and newly expanded tracts south to Higgins Road)
Spg Crk Hdwaters FP	= Headwaters area, s. Spg Crk FP (see preceding) (Cook Co)
Starved Rock	= Starved Rock State Park (La Salle County)
Stillwell ß	= Stillwell BBS (Hancock Co)
St Morgan ß	= St Morgan BBS (Madison Co)
Swallow Cliff Wds	= Swallow Cliff Woods Forest Preserve, Palos Township (Cook Co)
UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Urb.	= Urbana (Champaign Co)
Vmln Co	= Vermilion Co
Walker Twp	= Walker Township (Hancock Co)
Waterfall Glen	= Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Wauk.	= Waukegan (Lake Co)
Waynesville ß	= Waynesville BBS (McLean Co)
Wbgo (Co)	= Winnebago (Co)
Wood Dale Grv	= Wood Dale Grove Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Yghusband Pr	= Younghusband Prairie Forest Preserve, Barrington (Cook Co)

The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begins in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll, and Whiteside counties), proceeds to the east, then continues back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end. When no number of birds is indicated for specific records, read "1." Multiple counts from a given site joined by an ampersand (&) appear in the same sequence as the dates following the site (i.e., read counts and dates, "respectively").

Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.) are used where applicable. Words referring to natural areas are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus, Forest Park, Sugar Grove, Prairie du Rocher, etc.).

The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

Headings for species requiring IORC review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are **underlined**, *while those for species requiring review of all records are* **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. *Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]; the status of these records will be published in a future issue of this journal.*

Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are **underlined and boldfaced**, *and some further editorial remarks are* **boldfaced**.

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As standard policy, all observers, regardless of experience, must fully document all unusual observations. For a list of species requiring review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC), visit their website, *http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.* Easy to use documentation forms are also available at that website, *or* from the IORC Secretary, Douglas F. Stotz, Environmental and Conservation Programs, Field Museum of Natural History, 1400 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605. Completed documentation forms of species on the IORC review list should be submitted to the IORC Secretary within one week of the observation. Documentation is also requested, and may be required, for remarkable nesting records, unexpected dates of occurrence and unusually high counts for more routine species.

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BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

DeWitt Co: 8, late spring/early summer, w/2 photographed & staying several weeks (*fide* HDB). Levee Rd, Maeystown (Monroe Co): 8 on 8 Jul (DR). Grand Tower (Jackson Co): 3 on 11 Jul (JSt ph). Ware (Union Co): 4 on 6 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Snow Goose

NBSO: Mt Sterling sewage plant (Brown Co): injured, 11 Jul (KAM, DMK, MSS). Sgmn Co: blue morph, 11 Jun; blue & white morphs, 12 Jun (HDB). Carl.F: 2-3 (injured), 28 Jun–12 Jul (DMK & MSS). Carl.C: 2 (injured), 4-26 Jul (DMK & MSS).

Canada Goose

Breeding: Wood Dale Grv gull colony (Du Page Co): ad on nest, 14 Apr; 2 nests, 19 Apr (ABA). Oakbrook (Du Page Co): 2 pr w/8 & 9 chicks, 24 May (DFS). Carson Sl (Kane Co): 2 pr w/2 & 9 chicks, 26 May (DFS). Linc.P: many yg hatched, season (GAW). Gray Farm P, Schaumburg (Cook Co): ads on 2 nests, 19 Apr (ABA). Midlothian Reservoir FP (Cook Co): 8 ad w/3, 3, 4 & 6 yg, 18 Jun (ABA). Westchester (Cook Co): 3 broods w/17 chicks, 22 Jun (DFS). 126th St, Chi: pr w/3 chicks, 5 May (DFS). Tampier Sl, Palos: pr w/3 yg, 24 Jun (DFS). Crawdad Sl, Palos: ad w/3 yg, 18 May (ABA). JP: first brood (2), 1 May (KMC). Wolf L, LCal: pr w/4 chicks, 5 May; 11 broods w/69 chicks, 27 Jun (DFS). LCal (7 broods w/31 yg), 5 Jun (DFS). Powderhorn L, LCal (4 broods w/22 yg), 27 Jun (DFS). Willow Springs (Cook Co): 3 broods w/15 chicks, 11 Jun (DFS). Palos: 4 broods w/9 chicks, 7 Jun (DFS). Rock R (Ogle Co): 5 broods w/22 yg, 6 Jun (DFS). Hennepin L: 6 broods w/29 yg, 9-10 May (DFS). I&M Canal (Grundy Co): pr w/4 chicks, 24 May (DFS). Goose L Pr: pr w/2 chicks, 24 May (DFS). Dresden power plant (Grundy Co): pr w/3 yg, 28 Jun (DFS). Coal City (Grundy Co): pr w/6 chicks, 28 Jun (DFS). Illini SP (La Salle Co): 15 broods w/71 yg, 3 Jun (DFS). Beaverville (Iroquois Co): pr w/8 chicks, 3 May (DFS). Cuba (Fulton Co): first goslings, 6 May (LLH). Chau: 90 broods averaged 4.8 yg/brood, spring thru summer (RGB, SNB). L Lou Yaeger (Montgomery Co): ad in nest high in tree in a Bald Eagle nest, 9 Apr (EWW). Urb.: on nest, 6 Apr, (BT). L of the Wds FP: ad on nest, 14 Apr, w/many nests later in county (CKA). Crystal L P, Urb.: 11 goslings, 27 Apr (BT, m.ob.). F Glen Psv: nest, 18 Apr; another pr w/3 yg, 28 Apr (MFC). HL: 16 ad & 25 yg, 7 Jun (KAM). Am. Btms: ad w/7 goslings, 11 Jun (C&PD). Kidd L M: 2 ad w/5 goslings, 9 Jun (C&PD). Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co): ads w/yg, 12-21 Jun (DMK, MSS, BAH). **MC**: 193, Chau, 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 184 (177 ad, 7 yg), JP, 4 Jun (PRC); 157, LCal, 27 Jun (DFS); 125, Mazonia-Braidwd, 8 Aug (JBH); 122, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (DFS); 107, Linc.P, 16 Jul (GAW); 60, Mermet L, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Notes**: Egg-oiling population control program successful at JP w/only ~15 yg reared (PRC). "Fewer successful nests noted this summer" (ABA). "Nesting success appeared to be low" (LLH). 20+ ad at F Glen Psv, but very few yg produced this year (MFC).

Mute Swan

Breeding: Rollins Sav: ad on nest on old muskrat lodge, 6 Apr (SDB, SLD) & 13 May (EWW), w/4 yg, 29 Jun (EWW). Lakewood FP (Lake Co): pr at nest & later pr w/2 juv, season (SDB). Powderhorn L FP, LCal: pr w/4 yg, 20 May (WJM); pr w/3 yg, 27 Jun (DFS). Deadstick Pond, LCal: pr w/4 yg, 22 May (WJM); pr w/1 yg, 27 Jun (DFS). Wolf L, LCal: pr w/5 yg, 31 May (WJM); pr w/2 yg, 27 Jun (DFS). Eggers Grv FP, LCal: pr w/4 yg, 17 Jun (WJM). Spfld: pr w/5 yg, 10 May thru period (VMK). Heron County P (Vmln Co): ad on nest (first county nest record), 19 Apr (SDB, m.ob.). **MC**: 16, L Renwick (Will Co), 27 Jul (GAW); 7, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co), 1 Jun (JSS); 6 ad, Independence Grv FP (Lake Co), 1 Jun (JSS); 5, IBSP, 13

Jun (EWW). **Others**: L Katherine, Palos: 29 Jul (CAT). Des Plaines R wide-waters, Channahon (Will Co): 3 on 12 Jul (BSm). Aroma Park (Kankakee Co): 2 on 18 Jun (JBH). HL: feral, 7 Jun (FRH) thru 6 Jul (DMK).

Trumpeter Swan

Breeding: Savanna (Carroll Co): pr, 17 May (EWW), present in same nesting marsh as in 2007 but nesting attempt likely failed due to high flood waters. **Others**: McGinnis Sl: pr, thru season (WSS, REF, DFS, m.ob).

Wood Duck

Breeding: Pecatonica (Wbgo Co): hen w/8 chicks, 27 Jul (DTW). Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co): 2 hens w/15 imm, 2 Aug (DTW). Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): female w/8 yg, 27 May–11 Jul (EWW). Linc.P: 9 ad & broods of 5 & 11 yg, 16 Jul (GAW). Erie (Whiteside Co): female w/8 chicks, 25 Jul (DFS). Gray Farm P, Schaumburg (Cook Co): hen w/11 yg, 16 Jun (ABA). McGinnis Sl: brood of 10 yg, 27 Jun (WSS). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): hens w/3 & 1 juv, 18 Jun (ABA). Butterfld Crk LWR: hens w/1, 2 & 2 yg, 31 Jul (ABA). JP: first brood (12 yg) later than usual, 15 Jun; brood of 5 yg, 23 Jun (KMC, PRC). Oswego (Kendall Co): female w/9 chicks, 29 Jul (DFS). Hennepin L: 4 broods w/22 yg, 16 Jun; female w/5 chicks, 30 Jun (DFS). Coal City (Grundy Co): female w/9 chicks, 28 Jun (DFS). Mazonia-Braidwd: fledglings, 7 & 13 Jul (JBH). Kankakee R SP: ads w/yg, 2 Jun (JBH). Kankakee: ads w/yg, May/Jun (JBH). Chau: 25 broods averaged 9.8 yg/brood, spring thru summer, incl. female with 5 small chicks, 25 Jul (RGB, SNB). MidFork FP: female w/21 yg, 5 Jul (EJC). L of the Wds FP: ad w/4 juv, 13 Jul (CKA). Urb.: hen w/8 yg, 21 May (*fide* SDB). MidFork FP: hen w/2 yg, 10 Jun (EJC). Heron County P (Vmln Co): hen w/8 small yg, 6 Jul (CKA). L Decatur dredge ponds: ads w/ broods of 4 & 8 yg, 15 Jun (TAM). Monroe Co: ad w/6 yg, 30 Jun (KAM). ECape Gir.: 2 hens w/10 yg, 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: hen w/6 yg, 17 Jul; hen w/10 yg, 24 Jul (DMK). Mermet L: ads w/yg, 20-21 Jun (DMK, MSS, BAH). **MC**: 150 (mostly yg), McGinnis Sl, late Jul (WSS); 83, Chau, 4 Jun (RGB, SNB); 71, Mermet L, 23 Jun (KAM); 50, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (KAM); 42, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS). **Others**: Linc.P: 16 ad, 11 Jun (GAW). Kankakee: juv taken by Red-tailed Hawk, 20 Jul (JBH). **Notes**: Lower numbers of yg at McGinnis Sl (WSS). Despite a strong nest box program at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation (Kane Co), only one brood noted there (RM). "The high water levels may have substantially delayed duck nesting" in many Wbgo Co locations as well (DTW).

Gadwall

Others: Hebron (McHenry Co): male, 8 Jun (EWW); Rollins Sav: 8 on 15 Jun (JSS). Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal: male, 7 Jun (WJM). Harborside Golf Course, LCal: 19 Jul (WJM, JRG, WSS). Carl.F: 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: pr, 15 Jun (DMK).

Mallard

Breeding: Ridott (Stephenson Co): 7 hens w/38 chicks, most less than 2 weeks old, 2 Aug (DTW). Gray Farm P, Schaumburg (Cook Co): hens w/2 & 7 chicks & 3 older yg, 26 Jul (ABA). Midlothian Reservoir (Cook Co): hen w/12 yg, 18 Jun (ABA). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): hen w/7 yg, 18 Jun (ABA). Busse F: hen w/8 juv, 7 Jun (ABA). Linc.P: 121 ad & juv & broods of 2 & 6 new yg, 16 Jul (GAW). Grant P: female w/11 chicks, 5 May (DFS). 126th St, Chi: female w/6 chicks, 5 Jun (DFS). JP: first brood (7 yg) later than usual, 25 May (CBA); 38 yg in 5 later broods (PRC). Sugar Grove (Kane Co): female w/10 chicks, 26 May (DFS). Sauer Pr: female w/8 chicks, 9 Jun (DFS). Annawan (Henry Co): female w/6 yg, 16 May (EWW). Coal City (Grundy Co): female w/4 chicks, 12 Jun; 4 broods w/21 chicks, 28 Jun (DFS). Chau: few broods, season (RGB, SNB). Hull (Pike Co): female flushed off nest, 5 Jun (SDB). HL: 16 ad & 16 yg, 20 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 190, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (KAM); 129, Linc.P, as above (GAW); 92, Kankakee, 8 Jul (JBH). **Notes**: "Fewer noted this summer on my areas" (ABA). First brood appeared later than usual, w/lower breeding numbers in general at JP (PRC). "Few broods" (RGB, SNB).

Blue-winged Teal

Breeding: Ridott (Stephenson Co): hen w/5 chicks, 13 Jul (DTW); 4 ad males, 8 Jun (EWW). Ethel's Wds FP (Lake Co): female on nest w/14 eggs, 10 May (SLD, SDB). Rollins Sav: ad male, 3 ad females, broods of 9 & 13 yg, 29 Jun (EWW). Sauer Pr: hen w/3 yg, 6 Jul (DTW). Pratts Wayne Wds: 10 pr w/69 yg + another pr, season (PAM). Philip SP: 4 pr w/30 yg + 2 other pr, season (PAM). Deadstick Pond, LCal: ad w/2 juv, 26 Jul (WJM, SA). Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co): 2 ad males, ad female & 7 yg, 8 Jul (EWW); PrRdg: hen w/12 yg, 11 Jun (CLH). Kidd L M: pr w/4 yg, 6 Jun (C&PD). Am. Btms: female w/3 yg, 11 Jun (C&PD). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: 16 ad w/10 yg, 3 Jul (DMK). ECape Gir.: pr w/8 yg, 23 Jun; 3 females w/broods of 4, 8, & 9 yg, 7 Jul (KAM). **MC**: 35, Erie (Whiteside Co), 25 Jul (DFS); 26, Rollins Sav, 8 Jun (DRD et al.); 26, Almond M FP (Lake Co), 10 Jun (BJS); 26, ECape Gir., 7 Jul (KAM); 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 5 Jul (TAM); 11, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (KAM). **Others**: Hebron (McHenry Co): 5 (2 pr & ad male), 8 Jun (EWW). Midfork Sav: 2 on 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Nelson L Psv: 2 Jun (CLC). Hegewisch M, LCal: male, 6 Jul (WJM). Mazonia-Braidwd: 6 on 8 Aug (JBH). L Decatur dredge ponds: pr, 15 Jun (TAM). Arcola M (Douglas Co): male, 3 Jul (EWW). Guzy Pr: drake & 2 hens, 5 Jul (TAM). Farina (Fayette Co): 2 on 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). Lawrence Co: 4 on 4 Jul (CLH). Chauncey M NPsv (Lawrence Co): hen, 17 Jul (CLH). Keensburg (Wabash Co): drake & 2 hens, 2 Jul (CLH). HL: 8 Jun (FRH). St Clair Co: pr, 30 Jun (KAM). Kidd L M: 4 ad, 19 Jul (C&PD). Am. Btms: 3 ad, 4 Jul (C&PD). Alexander Co: 13 Jul (CAT, TLK).

Northern Shoveler

Breeding: Rollins Sav: pr & female w/3 yg, 15 Jun & 9 Jul (JSS & BJS). **Others**: Hebron (McHenry Co): 3 (pr & male), 8 Jun (EWW). Almond M FP (Lake Co): male, 10 Jun (BJS). Chau: hen, 4 Jun & 25 Jul, and drake in same area, 30 May (RGB, SNB). L Decatur dredge ponds: hen, 4 Jul (TAM). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: pr, 4 Jun; hen, 15 Jun & 3 Jul (DMK). **NBSO**: Montrose H: 5 on 10 Jun (RDH).

Northern Pintail

Oquawka (Henderson Co): 29 Jun (PR, DJM). Sgmn Co: 18-30 Jun (HDB). Monroe Co: male, 27 Jun (KAM) thru 13 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Other**: Paul Douglas FP: 1 w/white-spotted head & neck, 3 Jul (SWS).

Green-winged Teal

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: pr w/7 yg, season (PAM). **Others**: Almond M FP (Lake Co): 3 males, 10 Jun (BJS). Rollins Sav: 4 males, 15 Jun (JSS). Sun L FP (Lake Co): male, 5 Jul (JSS). Philip SP: pr, season (PAM). Harborside Golf Course, LCal: male, 1 Jun (WJM). Sauer Pr: 8 Jun (CAT, TLK). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: drake, 4 Jun (DMK). **NBSO**: GrtLakes: 5 Jun (DRD).

Canvasback

Emiquon Psv: 11 Jul (JGW et al.).

Redhead

Breeding: Hebron (McHenry Co): pr & 3 yg, 28 Jun (EWW ph). Coal City sewage plant (Grundy Co): hen w/4 chicks, 28 Jun (DFS). **MC**: 7 (2 pr & 3 males), Hebron (McHenry Co), 8 Jun (EWW). **Others**: HL: 22 Jun (FRH); Monroe Co: pr, 30 Jun–5 Jul (KAM). **Note**: Only 5 breeding records during the last 30 years, with two of them from this year (EWW).

Ring-necked Duck

Harborside Golf Course, LCal: drake, 1 Jun (WJM). Panther Crk SFWA: pr, early Jun (KS). Sgmn Co: 22 Jun (HDB). L Decatur dredge ponds: 2 drakes & 2 hens, 15 Jun; drake, 2 Aug (TAM); Carl.F: drake, 4 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). ECape Gir.: drake, 19 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Lesser Scaup

Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co): drake, 21 & 29 Jun & 30 Jul (MJB, PR, DJM). Sgmn Co: 3-4 Jun (HDB). HL: 22 Jun (FRH). Grand Tower (Jackson Co): drake, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Hooded Merganser

Breeding: McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): 3 small yg, 19 Jul (EWW). Erie (Whiteside Co): hen w/9 chicks, 20 May (DFS). Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co): hen w/8 yg, 25 May; hen w/2 yg, 3 Aug (DJS). Bureau Crk (Bureau Co): hen w/8 chicks, 17 May (DFS). Emiquon Psv: hen w/1 yg, 24 May (EWW). Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co): hen w/3 yg, 19 May (MJB). Chau: female at nest hole, 9 May (RGB, SNB). Kennekuk P: ad w/yg, 13 Jun (MGA, KS). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 2 broods of 8 yg, 18 Jun (CLH). Levee Rd, Alexander Co: 21 (ads w/yg), 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Rockton (Wbgo Co): 5 on 26 Jul (DTW). Shirland (Wbgo Co): 2 on 26 Jul (EWW). GrtLakes: 12 Jun (DRD). Rollins Sav: 2 on 3 Jul (JRS). Midfork Sav: 4 juv, 10 Jul (BJS). Afton FP (De Kalb Co): hen/imm, 4 Jul (DJS). Shabbona L State Recreation Area (De Kalb Co): 4 Jul (DJS). Burlington (Kane Co): 3 hens/imm, 20 Jul (GAW). Deadstick Pond, LCal: 6 Jul; 2 juv, 26 Jul (WJM, SA). Powderhorn L FP, LCal: 26 Jul (JAS, PAM). Rochelle (Ogle Co): pr, 18 Jun (EWW). Goose L Pr: 6 on 5 Jul (BR). La Salle L (La Salle Co): hen/imm, 13 Jul (DJS). Snakeden Hollow SFWA (Knox Co): 2 hens, 11 Jun (MJB). Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co): 16 Jul (PR, DJM). Chau: hen; no broods (compared to 6 broods in 2007), season (RGB, SNB). Arcola M (Douglas Co): hen/imm, 3 Jul (EWW). Guzy Pr: hen, 5 Jul (TAM). Carl.F: 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). Fairmont City (St Clair Co): 3 on 22 Jun (DMK). Kidd L M: hen w/5 imm, 1 Jun (C&PD). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: 2 on 4 Jun (KAM), 15 on 13 Jul (DMK, MSS). **NBSO**: JP: 2 hen/imm, 8 Jul (PRC).

Common Merganser

McDowell Grv FP (Du Page Co): 5 Jul (JAS). Brandon Rd lock, Will Co: hen, 28 Jun (DFS).

Red-breasted Merganser

La Salle L (La Salle Co): hen, 31 Jul (MAM).

Ruddy Duck

Breeding: Rollins Sav: 3 broods, 1 w/6 yg, 9 Aug (MJH). Pratts Wayne Wds: 2 pr w/9 yg + 2 other pr, season (PAM). McGinnis Sl: "breeding", season (REF, KDF). Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co): hen w/5 yg, 16 Jul (MJB), then w/ 4 yg, 30 Jul (PR); likely first nesting at this site. **MC**: 50, Thompson L, Emiquon Psv, 22 Jun (DJM); 27 (20 drakes), Hebron (McHenry Co), 28 Jun (reduced to 7 drakes & 1 hen, 26 Jul) (EWW); 22 & 12, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co), 16 Jul & 21 Jun (MJB); 11, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 10 (incl. displaying drakes), ECape Gir., 21 May (SDB); 9 (7 drakes) & 6 drakes, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 18 Jun & 8 Jul (EWW). **Others**: Rollins Sav: 6 ad, 8 Jun (DRD et al.). Coal City (Grundy Co): drake, 12 Jun (DFS). Hennepin L: drake, 1-30 Jun (DFS). La Salle L (La Salle Co): pr, 13 Jul (DJS). Chau: 5 (4 drakes, 1 hen), 11 Jul (RGB, SNB). Sgmn Co: 3 (2 areas), 28 Jun (HDB). Keensburg (Wabash Co): drake, 2 Jul (CLH).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Breeding: Pecatonica (Wbgo Co): hen w/9 chicks, 27 Jul (DTW). Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co): female w/3 chicks, 12 Jul (DJS). **MC**: 26, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 21, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 16 males, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 12, Iroquois Co, 14 Jun (GAW); 8 males, Ross Twp (Vmln Co), 28 May (SDB). **Others**: Plum Crk FP: calling male, 19 Jun & 1 Aug (ABA). Butterfld Crk LWR: calling male, 18 Jun (ABA).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Breeding: PrRdg (Marion Co): 13 ad & 13 yg (one brood), 13 Jun (JWW et al.). PrRdg (Marion Co): 3 ad w/10 juv, 23 Jul (RES). **Others**: PrRdg: 5 ad, 12 Jun (JWW et al.).

Wild Turkey

Breeding: Pecatonica (Wbgo Co): hen w/12 yg, 27 Jul (DTW). Kilbuck Blfs FP (Wbgo Co): 9 (family), 27 Aug (ABA, BD). Warren Co: hen w/3 yg, 30 Jul (PR). Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co): hen w/5 chicks, 7 Jun; hen w/6 chicks, 10 Jun (C&PD). Washington Co CA: 4 ad w/8 juv, 5 Jun; nest w/8 eggs (later destroyed by wheat harvest farm machinery), 18 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 13, Monroe Co, 9 Jul (KAM); 12, Mermet L, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 8, Divide (Jefferson Co), 16 Jul (RLJ); 6, Cache R SNA (Pulaski Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Jo Daviess Co (MOON), 22 Jul (JHo); 5, HL, 12 May (EWW). **Others**: Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co): 8 Jun (EWW). ICCA: 2 on 12 Jun (GAW). Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co): 4 on 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: 4 on 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). Bay City (Pope Co): 15 Jul (DMK).

Northern Bobwhite

Breeding: Pembroke Twp: hen w/10 yg, 2 Aug (GAW). **MC**: **106**, PrRdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 93, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 91, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 63, PrRdg (Marion Co), 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 31, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 30, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 27, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 25 & 24, Panther Crk SFWA, 19 Jun & 1 Jul (KS); 24, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 22, Waynesville ß, 24 Jun (VMK); 20, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 18, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 17 (15 males), Hull (Pike Co), 5 Jun (SDB); 17, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 15, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 14, Atkinson ß (Henry Co), 16 Jun (DFS); 14, Belknap ß, 24 Jun (VMK); 13, Jasper Co, 4 Jun (RES); 12, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 12, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 11, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 10, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Dogtooth 1, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Nw. Wbgo Co: 3 on 22 Jun (DTW). LeRoy Oakes FP (Kane Co): 16 Jun (BJS, ph). Stark Co: 2 on 20 Jul (CAT). ICCA: 8 on 20 Jun (JBH). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 5 males, 16 Jul (SDB). Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co): 8 males, 18 Jul (RLJ). F Glen Psv: several heard, Jun-Jul (MJE). St Morgan ß: 8 on 7 Jun (KAM). Massac Co: 7 on 23 Jun (KAM). **Notes**: "More whistling males than I've heard in years" (LLH). Now "extirpated over large areas of east-central IL" (SDB).

Common Loon

NBSO: Crystal L (McHenry Co): 2 on 5 Jun, w/1 molting to breeding plumage & present to 23 Jul (ADF). Ardmore Beach, Chi: sick/injured, 5–6 Jun (CLM et al.). Plainfield (Will Co): male in non-breeding plumage, 2 Aug (but resident said bird had been present "all summer") (MAM, JAS). Banner M (Fulton Co): non-breeding plumage, 7 Jun (AJ).

Pied-billed Grebe

Breeding: Rollins Sav: 2 broods, 10 Jul (JSS). Burnidge FP (Kane Co): ad w/3 chicks, 9 Jun (HH, GDn). Paul Douglas FP: ad w/3 juv, 30 Jul (CSF). Deadstick Pond, LCal: 2 broods of 1 & 5 yg, 6 Jul (WJM). McGinnis Sl: 5 broods, season (WSS). Mazonia-Braidwd: juv, 27 Jul (JBH ph). L Decatur dredge ponds: 3 nests, 20 Jul (TAM). Spunky Btms Psv (Brown Co): 2 broods, season (TH). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: pr & nest (but nest site flooded by 24 Jun), 4 Jun (DMK ph). Hansonville (Monroe Co): ad w/ small yg, 17 Aug (DJM). **MC**: 34, HL, 27 Jul (KAM); 17, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (KAM); 12, Carl.F, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Nygren Wetland Psv (Wbgo Co): 3 on 18 Jul (DTW). Harrison (Wbgo Co): in flooded cornfield, 1 Jul (DTW). Almond M FP (Lake Co): 10 Jun (BJS). Sugar Grove (Kane Co): 27 Jul (GAW). Busse F: calling, 29 May (ABA, BD). Poplar Crk FP: calling, 16 Jun (ABA, JV). Goose L Pr: 3 from 21 May–5 Jul (BR). Urb.: 26 Jul (EJC). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 15 Jun (CLH). HL: 6 calling, 22 Jun. Carl.F: 6 calling, 4 Jul (DMK). Kidd L M: 4 calling, 15 Jun (DMK). Levee Rd, Jackson Co: 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). ECape Gir.: 2 calling, 21 May (SDB). Levee Rd, Alexander Co: 2 pr, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). Mermet L: 2 calling, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH). **NBSO**: JP, 12 Jul (KMC).

Horned Grebe

NBSO: Sgmn Co: breeding plumage, 8-13 Jun (HDB).

BROWN PELICAN

L Michigan off Rogers Park, Chi: 11 Jun (APS).

American White Pelican

MC: 1800, L&D #18 (Henderson Co), 29 Jul (MJB); 842 (incl. non-breeding summer residents), Chau, 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 300, ECape Gir., 13 Jul (CAT, TLK); 190, Mazonia-Braidwd, 26 Jul (but flocks present Jun thru Aug) (JBH); 175, Am. Btms, 24 Jun (C&PD); 148 ad, Kidd L M, 4 Jul (C&PD); 97, Rock Island Co, 16 Jun (DFS); 75, Starved Rock, 28 Jun (RDH); 52, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 8 Jul (EWW); 50, Jackson Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 45, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Freeport (Stephenson Co): 8 Jun (EWW). Savanna (Carroll Co): 3 on 6 Jul (TB). Rockton & Durand (Wbgo Co): 1 at each site, 15 Jun (DTW). Fox R, St Charles (Kane Co): 2 on 11 Jun (TMB). Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co): 25 on 24 Jun (JCB). Sterling (Whiteside Co): 15 on 7 Jun (EWW). Erie (Whiteside Co): 6 on 11 Jul (SDB). Des Plaines R widewaters, Channahon (Will Co): 27 on 16 Jul (CBT). Heidecke L (Grundy Co): 14 on 13 Jul (AAA). Zuma Twp (Rock Island Co): 40-50 on 10-19 Jul (SDB). Nauvoo (Hancock Co): 26 on 10 Jul (SDB). Sgmn Co: ad, 23 Jun (HDB). Granite City (Madison Co): 6 on 1 Jul (DMK). Monroe Co: 23 on 1 Jul (KAM). Carl.F: 7 on 4 Jul (DMK). Dogtooth I: 6 on 6 Jul (DMK, MSS).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

HL: 22 Jun (FRH ph, JPZ, WMR); third consecutive year at this site.

Double-crested Cormorant

Breeding: IBSP: 21 nests (first time nesting here), 1 Jun (EWW). Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co): 200 ad, 18 May; 130 ad at 44 nests w/182 visible yg, 9 Aug (ABA); 622 ad & yg at rookery, 28 Jun (GAW). Worley L (Tazewell Co): nest w/one dead bird in heron rookery, 26 Jun (MS et al.). Carl.F: ads incubating in hundreds of nests in dead trees on several islands being photographed from plane, Jun (MJ). **MC**: 1200, Carl.F, 4-26 Jul (DMK & MSS); 622, Bakers L, as above; 330, Mazonia-Braidwd, 26 Jul (JBH); 265, L Renwick (Will Co), 27 Jul (GAW); 186, Chau, 20 Jun (RGB, SNB); 150, La Salle L (La Salle Co), 13 Jul (DJS); 96 (likely nested nearby on Wilson Ave water intake crib in L Michigan; nest structures visible), Chi, 1 Jul (GAW); 50, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 8 Jul (EWW); 20, Mermet L, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Ridott (Stephenson Co): 18 on 8 Jun (EWW); 4 (incl. 2 imm), 2 Aug (DTW). Rollins Sav: 5 on 8 Jun (DRD et al.). Almond M FP (Lake Co): 9 on 10 Jun (BJS). Busse F: 3 on 10 Aug (ABA). Des Plaines R widewaters, Channahon (Will Co): 15 on 12 Jul (BSm). East Fork L (Richland Co): 21 Jun (CLH). Wayne Co: 7 Jul (CLH). EStL: 6 on 21 Jun (DMK, BAH). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 3 on 23 Jun; 6 on 10 Jul (CLH). Rend L (Jefferson Co): 6 on 10 Jun (DMK). ECape Gir.: 17 on 7 Jul (KAM).

American Bittern

Rollins Sav: 2 Jun–3 Jul (DRD, EWW ph, JRS). Philip SP: 7 (2 pr, 2 calling ad, juv), season (PAM). Pratts Wayne Wds: **15** (12 calling ad, 2 fledglings, 1 juv; at least 2 pr), late May–late Jul (PAM). Philip SP: 3 calling pr + ad, late May–late Jul (PAM). Shaw's Wetland, Wataga (**Knox Co**): 8 Jun (MJB). Whalon L FP (Will Co): pr, 6 May–period (MAM, JAS). Goose L Pr: 21 May (BR), 5 Jul & 8 Jul (GDh). **Panther Crk SFWA**: 2 on 6 Jun (KS). **Kennekuk P**: 9 Jun (KS). PrRdg: 3 Jun (CLH). West Eden (**Johnson Co**): 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Note**: Much increased records, including outside usual range (SDB).

Least Bittern

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: 14 pr, 7 other ad, 10 fledglings, season (PAM). Philip SP: 7 pr, 3 calling ad, 4 fledglings, 2 juv, season (PAM). Goose L Pr: ad & flightless chick, 11 Jul (JAJ). Spunky Btms Psv (Brown Co): 3 breeding pr, incl. nest w/5 eggs, season (TH ph). Kidd L M: ad w/imm, 3 Jun (C&PD). Am. Btms: ad w/imm, 8 Jun (C&PD). **MC**: **45**, Pratts Wayne Wds, season (PAM); **23**, Philip SP, season (PAM); 16, Kidd L M & Am. Btms, 15 Jun (C&PD); 4 calling, Mermet L, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH). **Others:** Glacial P (McHenry Co): 17 Jul (BJS). Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): pr, 11 Jun (EWW), 1 on

15 Jun (DRD). Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co): ad, 21 Jul (EWW). Rollins Sav: 19 Jun (BJS). Midfork Sav: 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). McGinnis Sl: 24 Jun (DFS), 5 Jul (REF). Whalon L FP (Will Co): 4 Jun–season (MAM). Goose L Pr: 3 ad, 12 Jun & 5 Jul (BR). HL: 22 Jun (DMK).

Great Blue Heron

Breeding: Ridott (Stephenson Co): 31 (17 imm), 2 Aug (DTW). Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co): 26 ad, many going to & from nests at rookery, 22 Jun (DTW). Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co): 17 ad & yg at rookery, 28 Jun (GAW). Paul Douglas FP: 22 on nest platforms, 20 Mar (SWS). Busse F: rookery of 28 occupied nests, 30 Mar; 52 nests w/ads, 17 May; 51 nests w/ads or yg (incl. 1 nest w/5 yg, 3 nests w/4 yg, 10 nests w/3 yg, 15 nests w/2 yg, 9 nests w/1 yg), 29 May (ABA, BD). McGinnis Sl: rookery of 40-45 nests, Apr (WSS). Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co): 2 nests (first confirmed nesting at site), w/juv present, 8 Jun (JSA). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): nest w/3 yg, 19 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Downers Grove Twp (Du Page Co): ads at rookery on ~20 nests, 19 Apr (KK). Kankakee River SP: 3 ad on nests, 20 Apr (JB, m.ob.). Senachwine L (Putnam Co): active rookery, 4 Apr (TC); this rookery active 2003-2004, then abandoned when pr of eagles nested adjacent to rookery 2005-2007, but not in 2008. Henry (Marshall Co): new rookery w/20 active nests, 4 Apr (TC). Marshall SFWA (Peoria Co): 79 nests active, 4 Apr, but likely abandoned by 27 Jun (TC, MS et al.). Pontiac (Livingston Co): pr at nest, 21 Mar (EWW). Vermont (Fulton Co): rookery w/ads on 29 nests, 10 May (LLH). Worley L (Tazewell Co): 283 active nests & 50 nests that had already fledged yg, 26 Jun (MS et al.). Clear L (Mason Co): 180 nests (the lowest since initial survey in 1962), active 1 Mar–May, but abandoned by 23 Jun (CH, RGB, SNB et al.). Stockland Twp (Iroquois Co): several ad flying to & from likely rookery, 14 Jun (SDB). Urb.: single nest along Saline Branch Ditch, 15 Apr (JOS). St Joseph Twp (Champaign Co): 12 nests along Saline Branch Ditch, 15 Apr (JOS). Heron County P (Vmln Co): ads on nests at rookery (~ 40 nests), 19 Apr (SDB, m.ob.), w/many ads feeding yg, 4 May (MFC). East Nelson Twp, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co): many ads, likely rookery, Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 500, Union/Alexander Cos, 13 Jul (CAT, TLK); 400, Carl.F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 150, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS & KAM); 120, Carl.C, 24 & 26 Jul (DMK & MSS); 95, Chau, 25 Jul (RGB, SNB); 81, Am. Btms, 4 Jul (C&PD); 74, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 20 Jul (DTW); 70, Keensburg (Wabash Co), 1 Aug (CLH); 66, Nygren Wetland Psv (Wbgo Co), 30 Jul (DTW); 59, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 54, Mazonia-Braidwd, 26 Jul (JBH); 43, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 42, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 40, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (BJS); 40, ECape Gir., 7 Jul (KAM); 34, Paul Douglas FP, 28 Jun (GAW); 30, HL, 1 Jul (DMK). **Others**: JP: 6 on 7, 13 & 20 Jul (PRC & KMC); La Salle L (La Salle Co): 19 on 13 Jul (DJS). L Decatur dredge ponds: 11 on 15 Jun (TAM).

Great Egret

Breeding: Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co): 100+ ad, 18 May, and 11 nests still occupied w/visible yg, 9 Aug (ABA); 157 ad & yg at rookery, 28 Jun (GAW). Busse F: nest w/3 yg, 18 May, and 2 nests, 29 May (ABA). Indian Ridge M, LCal: rookery of 30-40 pr in phragmites, w/21 nests & 82 ad observed at edge of colony, 27 Apr, and nestlings visible by 29 May (WJM). Worley L (Tazewell Co): 25 active nests, 26 Jun (MS et al.). Clear L (Mason Co): rookery abandoned again this year (RGB, SNB, CH et al.). **MC**: 750, Union/Alexander Cos, 13 Jul (CAT, TLK); 500, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 500, Ware (Union Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 250, Carl.F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 222, Am. Btms, 4 Jul (C&PD); 200, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 178, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 25 Jul (DFS); 161, Chau, 25 Jul (RGB, SNB); 157, Barrington (Cook Co), as above; 115, HL, 27 Jul (KAM); 110, L Renwick (Will Co), 27 Jul (GAW); 85, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 75, ECape Gir., 23 Jun (KAM); 50, Des Plaines R widewaters, Channahon (Will Co), 12 Jul (BSm); 50, Henderson Co, 16 Jul (MJB); 50, St Clair Co, 17 Jun (KAM); 40, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (BJS); 40, Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co), 28 Jul (DMK); 36, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 30, Fulton Co, 16 Jul (MJB); 30, Wayne Co, 15 Jul (CLH); 24, Mazonia-Braidwd, 23 Jul (JBH); 20, Rend L (Jefferson Co), 28 Jul (DMK). **Others**: L Decatur dredge ponds: 2 Aug (TAM). Jasper Co: 24 Jun (RES). Ridott (Stephenson Co): 13 on 21 Jun (DTW). L Summerset ß (Wbgo/Stephenson Cos): 7 on 22 Jun (DTW). Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co): 12 on 7 Jun (DTW); Nygren Wetland Psv (Wbgo Co): 8 on 30 Jul (DTW). Butterfld Crk LWR: 36 on 31 Jul (ABA). Chau: 17 (first birds to arrive after abandonment of nearby Clear L rookery), 4 Jul (RGB, SNB). Allerton ß: 1 Jul (EJC). East Nelson Twp, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co): 4 (likely nesting), 25 Jun (RLJ). Randolph Co: 10 on 14 Jun (KAM).

Snowy Egret

MC: 97, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 80, Ware (Union Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 56, Monroe Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 20, St Clair Co, 17 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Burnham Pr M, LCal: ad, 24, 26 & 29 Jul (WJM, GAW). Chau: 2 on 25 Jul (RGB, SNB). Sgmn Co: ad, 12-13 Jun (HDB). L Decatur dredge ponds: imm, 5 Aug (TAM). HL: 4 on 19 Jun (KAM) & 1 Jul (DMK). ECape Gir.: 3 on 23 Jun (KAM).

Little Blue Heron

Breeding: Near Deadstick Pond, LCal: ad carrying sticks, 15 May (RLS), and still present 7 Jun (WJM), but apparently no successful nest (WJM). **MC**: 1250, Union/Alexander Cos, 13 Jul (CAT, TLK); 300, ECape Gir., 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 80 (53 ad, 27 imm), Am. Btms, 27 Jul (C&PD); 59, HL, 27 Jul (KAM). **Others**: Indian Ridge M, LCal: 4 ad, 26 Jul (WJM, AAA, SA). Burnham Pr M, LCal: ad & 1st spring ("calico") plumage, 14 Jun (WJM). L Decatur dredge ponds: imm, 2 & 5 Aug (TAM). St Morgan ß: 7 Jun (KAM). Fairmont City (St Clair Co): 22 Jun (DMK). Columbia ß: 4 on 8 Jun (KAM).

Cattle Egret

MC: 213 (one sink hole pond), Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co), 27 Jul (C&PD); 93, ECape Gir., 7 Jul (KAM); 85, Granite City (Madison Co), 12 Jul (FRH); 60, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 38, Randolph Co, 13 Jul (KAM); 25, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18, EStL, 1 Jul (KAM). **Others:** Harrison (Wbgo Co): 15 Jun (DTW). Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co): 25 Jul (DFS). Henderson Co: 7 on 17 Jul (PR, DJM). Chau: 5 on 16 & 25 Jul (RGB, SNB). Sgmn Co: 11 on 5 Jun; 3 on 10 Jun; ad, 15-21 Jun (HDB). Flint Twp (Pike Co): 8 on 2 Jul (MPW). Sauget M (St Clair Co): 8 on 5 Jul (KAM). Cahokia Mounds SP (St Clair Co): 10 on 1 Jul (DMK). Carl.F: 3 on 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: 16 on 17 Jul (DMK). ECape Gir.: 12 on 19 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Green Heron

Breeding: Boone Co: 4 (family), 3 Jul (AEB). Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): 2 ad w/2 yg, 9 Aug (EWW). Pratts Wayne Wds: 11 pr, 4 other ad, 4 fledglings, 14 juv, season (PAM). Philip SP: 6 pr, 2 ad, 3 fledglings, 10 juv, season (PAM). North Shore Channel, Chi: ad at nest w/yg, 7 Jun (BF). JP: brood of 4 on 21 Jun; brood of 3 on 30 Jul (KMC). **MC**: 44, Pratts Wayne Wds, season (PAM); 27, Philip SP, season (PAM); 18, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 25 Jul (RGB, SNB); 10, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 8, North Shore Channel, Chi, 7 Jun (BF); 7, Mazonia-Braidwd, 31 Jul (JBH); 6, Nygren Wetland Psv (Wbgo Co), 5 Jul (DTW); 6, ECape Gir., 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Mermet L, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, JP, 25 Jun (PRC); 5, HL, 21 Jul (KAM). **Others**: Almond M FP (Lake Co): 4 on 10 Jun (BJS). Midfork Sav: 4 on 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): 4 on 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Linc.P: 3 on 16 Jul (GAW). Green R CA (Lee Co): pr on territory, 8 Jul (EWW). Carl.F: 4 on 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: 4 on 26 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

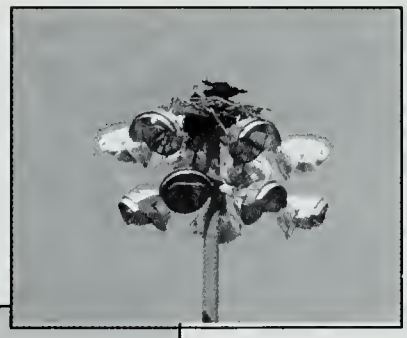
Breeding: Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co): 2 fresh juv at rookery, 28 Jun (GAW). Indian Ridge M, LCal: 100+ pr breeding in phragmites, season; nest building, 20 Apr; ads incubating, 10 May; first fresh-plumaged juv, 21 Jul; colony likely suffered negative impacts from heavy rains & high water in June (WJM). Pratts Wayne Wds: 2 pr, 2 ad, 2 juv, season (PAM). Philip SP: pr, ad, fledgling, juv, season (PAM). L Renwick (Will Co): ad at nest, 12 Jul (GJ). Worley L (Tazewell Co): active nest, 26 Jun (MS et al.). Chau: small breeding rookery in willows in lakebed, season (*fide* RGB, SNB). **MC**: 234 (at breeding rookery), Indian Ridge M, LCal, 27 Apr (WJM); 13, EStL, 31 Jul (KAM); 12, Linc.P, 11 & 18 Jun & 16 Jul (GAW); 11, Monroe Co, 9 Jul (KAM); 10, HL, 1 Jul (DMK). **Others**: Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): 4 (3 ad), 11 Jul (EWW). Almond M FP (Lake Co): 6 on 10 Jun (BJS). Rochelle (Ogle Co): ad male, 8 Jul (EWW). Wood Dale Grv gull colony (Du Page Co): 7 Jun (ABA). Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co): juvs present, 17 Jul (REF, KDF). Country Club Hills (Cook Co): 3 (2 ad, juv), 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): 5 ad, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Butterfld Crk LWR: 7 (6 ad, juv), 31 Jul (ABA). Busse F: ad at rookery, 29 May & 9 Aug (ABA). JP: 4 (2 ad, 2 imm), 14 Jun (KMC). L Renwick (Will Co): 3 on 27 Jul (GAW). La Salle L (La Salle Co): 3 on 13 Jul (DJS). Mazonia-Braidwd: 4 (2 ad, 2 juv), 11 Aug (JBH). L Decatur dredge ponds: imm, 2 Aug (TAM). Chau: 2 on 4 Jun–25 Jul (RGB, SNB). Emiquon Psv: juv, 11 Jul (JGW). St Morgan ß: 7 Jun (KAM). O'Fallon (St Clair Co): 2 on 23 Jun (KAM). Neunert (Jackson Co): 4 on 4 Jul (EWW).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: Granite City (Madison Co): 6 ad, 8 nestlings, 1 Jul (DMK). Cache R SNA (incl. Heron Pond-Little Black Sl NPsv in Johnson Co and Section 8 Wds NPsv in Pulaski Co): many pairs & a few nests found, Jun–Jul (JPH et al.). Cypress Creek NWR (Union, Johnson & Pulaski Cos): many pairs & a few nests, Jun–Jul (JPH et al.). **Others**: Sugar River FP (Wbgo Co): 17 May–25 Jul; 3 on 26 Jul (DTW, m.ob.). Heron Pond, LCal: 10 Jun (WJM, SBB). Carl.F: 3 ad, imm, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: imm, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). West Eden (Johnson Co): 2 ad, 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co): ad, 14 Jul (CE).

Right: Osprey nesting in Kane County. 25 June 2008. The Osprey is endangered in Illinois. Photo by Cathy Vaden.

Below: Osprey at nest, Banner Marsh, Fulton County. 13 July 2008. The Osprey is endangered in Illinois. Photo by Jane Ward.



White-faced Ibis

Sauer Pr: 8 Jun (AFS, APS, *REF et al.).

Black Vulture

MC: 12, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Wildcat Blf SNA (Johnson Co), 21 Jun (DMK, BAH). **Others**: Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co): 21 Jun (DMK, BAH). Jackson Co: 23 Jun (KAM). Pomona: 4 on 6 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 40, Carl.F, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 8 Jun (DMK); 35, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 30, Kickapoo SP (Vmln Co), 12 Jun (BGS); 30, Carl.C, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 30, Levee Rd, Union Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 30, Bay City (Pope Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 25, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 23, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 16 Jun (DFS); 18, Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co), 13 Jun (RLJ); 16, Saganashkee Sl, Palos, thru period (WSS); 16, The Forestry, U of IL (Champaign Co), 15 Jun (*fide* SDB); 15, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 14, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 12, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 12, ECape Gir., 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Des Plaines (Cook Co): mid-May–1 Sep (ABA). Plum Crk FP: 6 on 19 Jun (ABA). Poplar Crk FP: 3 on 16 Jun & 26 Jul (ABA). Bode L FP (Cook Co): 3 on 16 Jun (ABA). Midlothian Reservoir FP (Cook Co): 2 on 18 Jun (ABA). **NBSO**: JP: ad, 13 Jul (KMC).

Osprey

Breeding: Elgin Twp (Kane Co) (one nest): nest building, 19 Apr (ABA); ad incubating, 21 Apr; eggs hatching, 29 May; first juv flight (then remaining ~3 weeks), 23 Jul (REH); nest fledging 3 yg (PAM). John J. Duffy Psv, Palos: pr bringing nesting material to nesting platform, 2 Apr (PD). Powderhorn L FP, LCal (one nest): pr w/nest that fledged 4 yg, season (WJM, CAM, m.ob.); ad at nest, 30 Mar; pr touching up the nest and incubating eggs, 13 Apr; 2 newly hatched yg, 11 Jun; 2 yg fledged by 20 Jul (WJM). Banner M (Fulton Co): ad on nest, 8 May (KBR), 22 Jun (DJM) & 16 Jul (MJB). **Others**: La Salle (La Salle Co): 18 Jun (MPW). Black Crown M Land & Water Reserve (McHenry Co): 18 Jun (MPW). Monmouth (Warren Co): 29 Jul (MJB). Rend L (Jefferson Co): ad, 1 Aug (EWW). **NBSO**: Mermet L, 21 & 23 Jun & 6 Jul (KAM, DMK, MSS).

Mississippi Kite

Breeding: **Rockfd**: 3 ad (1 male, 2 females) near nest w/1 nestling (which later fledged), 19 Aug; ad feeding yg, 21 Aug; juv, 29 Sep (DTW, BCW, LGB, VB ph, m.ob., ph). Thebes (Alexander Co): 2-3 pr nesting in loose colony in rural cemetery, w/2-3 nests built by 21 May (*fide* SDB) and pr courting & copulating, 23 May (MPW et al. ph). **MC**: 70, Thebes (Alexander Co), 22 May (and 1 still there, 26 Aug) (SDB); 21, Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co), 21 Jun (RMR); 12, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Dogtooth I, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 7 (ad & 1st yr), UCCA, 17 Aug (EWW, WSS); 4, HL, 1 Jul (DMK); 4, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co): 17 Jul (TB). Granite City (Madison Co): 11-28 Jun (FRH). Monroe Co: 2 on 17 Jun; 1 on 1 Jul (KAM). Pomona: 3 on 7 Jul (KAM). Dixon Spgs SP (Pope Co): 15 Jul (DMK). HLCA: ad, 7 Jul (KAM) & 17 Aug (EWW). ECape Gir.: 3 on 7 Jul (KAM). Mounds (Alexander Co): ad, 2 Aug (EWW). Spencer Heights (Alexander Co): ad, 17 Aug (EWW). Villa Ridge (Pulaski Co): ad, 17 Aug (EWW). Metropolis (Massac Co): 1st summer, 11 Jun (SDB).

Bald Eagle

Breeding: L&D #13 (Whiteside Co): ad on nest, 25 Mar (AS), w/3 yg in nest, 16 May (EWW) & 2 in nest, 16 Jun (AS). Grass L (Lake Co): pr at nest in heron rookery, 5 Jan, & carrying sticks to nest, 6 Apr (JSS, m.ob.), then chick in nest, 29 May (JRS, m.ob.). Rock Falls (Whiteside Co): ad at nest, 15 Mar–7 Jun (EWW). Prophetstown (Whiteside Co): ad at nest, 16 Mar (EWW). Braidwood (Will Co): pr on nest, 4 Apr (FB ph). Wedron (La Salle Co): nest, 2 Mar (DJS). Lacon (Marshall Co): pr at nest w/chick, 15 Apr (*fide* SDB). McMaster L (Knox Co): ad on nest, 3 May (MJB). Chau: 2 nests fledged 1 & 3 yg; laying/incubation begun at both nests by 1 Mar & hatching at one nest by 25 Apr, season (RGB, SNB). Clear L (Mason Co): nest produced 2 yg, season (RGB, SNB). La Moine R at IL R, Brown Co: ads at nest w/juv, Jun–Jul (SA). Ne. Calhoun Co: ad at nest, 23 Mar (EWW). Alton (Madison Co): ad on nest, 16 Feb (MST). Bartelso (Clinton Co): ad on nest, 22 Mar (KAM). East Fork L (Richland Co): ad on nest (second year here), 23 Feb–Apr, w/imm, 6 Jun (RES, CLH). Petty Twp (Lawrence Co): ad on nest, Mar–Apr (CLH). Ware (Union Co): ad w/3 fledglings, 25 May (EWW). **Others**: Winslow/McConnell area (Stephenson Co): 3 ad, 18 May (EWW). Sugar River FP (Wbgo Co): ad, 1 Jul (DTW). Deer Run FP (Wbgo Co): 2 ad, 27 Aug (BD *fide* ABA). Midfork Sav: 1st yr, 28 Jun (JSS, MJF). Paul Douglas FP: subad, 30 Jul (CSF). Palos: 1st yr, 1 Jun (WSS); ad, 7 Jun (JRS). Bureau Crk (Bureau Co): 2 imm, 17 Jun (DFS). Starved Rock: imm, 28 Jun (RDH). Midewin Pr: ad, 31 May (JB et al.). Mazonia-Braidwd: 3 (ad, 2nd yr, juv), 3 Jul (JBH). L&D #18 (Henderson Co): imm, 16 Jul (MJB). Nauvoo (Hancock Co): pr, 10 Jul (SDB). Big L (Brown Co): ad on territory, 10 May (EWW). Rochester (Sgmn Co): ad, 12 Jun (HDB). N. Sangchris L SP (Sgmn/Christian Cos): ad, 18 Jun (HDB). Fisher (Champaign Co): ad, 27 Jul (CKA). Heron County P (Vmln Co): ad near usual nesting location, 19 Apr (SDB et al.). Rafetown (Jasper Co): ad, 3 Jul (CLH). Mount Erie Twp (Wayne Co): 4 (2 ad, 1 2nd yr, 1 1st yr), 25 & 30 Jun (CLH). Lawrenceville Airport (Lawrence Co): ad, 8 Jul (CLH). HL: ad, 25 Jun (KAM). St Clair Co: ad, 17 Jun (KAM). Carl.F: 2 ad, 2 imm, 4 Jul (DMK). Carl.C: ad, 2 imm, 17 Jul (DMK). Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co): ad, 12 Jul; imm, 28 Jul (DMK, MSS). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 2-3 ad, 2 imm, 6 Jun (w/one 18 Jun–19 Jul) (CLH, RES). Monroe Co: ad, 30 Jun; 4th yr, 5 Jul (KAM). UCCA: 2 ad, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). ECape Gir.: ad & imm, 7 Jul (KAM). Dogtooth I: imm, 20 Jun–6 Jul (DMK & MSS). Mermet L: 2 ad, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Northern Harrier

Deer Run FP (Wbgo Co): 31 May (EBC). Pierce Twp (De Kalb Co): female, 12 Jun (DJS). Paul Douglas FP: male, 24 Jun (SWS). Bode L FP (Cook Co): ad male, 26 Jul (ABA). Green Garden Twp (Will Co): 17 Jun (CDH). Midewin Pr: female, 31 May (JB et al.). Victoria (Knox Co): female, 26 Jun (MJB). Goose L Pr: female, 21 May (BR). Durham Twp (Hancock Co): 2 on 26 Jun (SDB). Downs Twp (McLean Co): 17 Jun (MJW). Manito Twp (Mason Co): 14 Jun (JGW). Emiquon Psv: 11 Jul (JGW). Panther Crk SFWA: 18 Jun (KS). PrRdg (Marion Co): female, 3 Jun (CLH). Keensburg (Wabash Co): female, 5 Jul (RES). Carl.F: 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). Posey (Clinton Co): 24 Jul (DMK). Bond Co: 24 Jul (DMK). Am. Btms: ad male, 19 Jul (C&PD). Monroe Co: 2 females, 27 Jun, and 1 on 13 Jul (KAM). Dogtooth I: 6 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Paul Douglas FP: 28 Jun (GAW).

Cooper's Hawk

Breeding: McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): ad feeding 2 juv, 19 Jul (EWW). Zion (Lake Co): juv begging for food from ad, 27 Jul–9 Aug (EWW). Kane Co: 20 Jul (KAM). Downers Grove (Du Page Co): nest in backyard failed, season (REF, KDF). Villa Park (Du Page Co): building nest in backyard, 18 Apr, w/incubation at least 7-26 May, 3 large yg, 29 Jun, and fledging, 4 Jul (DFS). Poplar Crk FP: pr w/juv, 16 Jun & 26 Jul (ABA). Des Plaines (Cook Co): pr w/juv, 25 Jul (ABA). LaBagh Wds FP (nw. Cook Co): ad w/yg, 8 Jun (CLM). Swallow Cliff Wds: pr of two 1st yr birds, failed nest, Apr (WSS). Bushnell (McDonough Co): nest in backyard w/female feeding well-feath-

ered yg, 17 Jun (LLH). Busey Wds, Urb.: pr nest building & ad at nest (same nest as 2007), 30 Mar (EJC) & 27 Apr (BT). Urb.: "other active nests in town", season (EJC). Allerton P: ad on nest, 23 Apr (CKA). F Glen Psv: pr in courtship flight, 10 May (MFC). Charleston L (Coles Co): ad carrying food, 5 Apr (EWW). Carl.C: 4 yg out of nest, 17 Jul (DMK). Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co): ad w/2 yg, 14 Jul (CLH). **MC**: 3, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 3, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Rock Cut : ad female, 8 Jun (EWW). Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): male, 11 Jun (EWW). IBSP: 22 Jun (EWW). Mundelein (Lake Co): imm in yard, Jun–Aug (SDB). Mettawa (Lake Co): 27 Jul (SDB, SLD). Midfork Sav: 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). La Fox (Kane Co): w/robin yg, 13 Jun (JH). Russell FP (De Kalb Co): 20 Jul (GAW). Herrick L FP: 2 on 11 Jun (EES). Songbird Sl: season (ABA). JP: singles thru season (PRC). Additional Cook Co sites (season): Skokie Lagoons, Chicago Botanic Garden (Glencoe), Butterfld Crk LWR, Bode L FP, Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, and Iroquois Wds FP (ABA). Mazonia-Braidwd: ad carrying prey, 27 Jul (JBH). Kankakee R SP: 2 Jun (JBH). Kankakee: ad pr, 27 Jun; imm, 12 Aug (JBH). Paradise L (Coles Co): 15 Jun (RLJ). Durham Twp (Hancock Co): 3-19 Jul (SDB). Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co): 1st yr female, 16 Aug (EWW, WSS). Granite City (Madison Co): 1 Jul (DMK). Dudleyville ß: 2 on 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). Frank Holten SP (St Clair Co): ad male, 28 Apr (EWW). Belleville (St Clair Co): 4 & 22 Jun (DMK). Marion Co: 22 Jul (CLH). Richland Co: 4 singles, 14 Jun–10 Jul (CLH). Wayne Co: 1 Jul (CLH). Edwards Co: 15 Jul (CLH). St Clair Co: 13 Jul (KAM). Columbia ß: 2 on 8 Jun (KAM). Monroe Co: 17 Jun (KAM). Baldwin L (Randolph/St Clair Cos): male, 28 Apr (EWW). New Minden (Washington Co): 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co): 21 Jun (DMK, BAH). West Frankfort (Franklin Co): 10 Jun (SDB). Johnson City (Williamson Co): 1 Aug (EWW). Alto Pass (Union Co): 23 May (SDB). Grand Chain (Pulaski Co): 15 Jul (DMK).

Mississippi Kite in Thebes, Alexander County. 28 May 2008. Photo by Mike Ward.

Red-shouldered Hawk

Breeding: Walker Twp: pr, 1-18 Jul, incl. pr w/juv, calling, 9 Jul (SDB). Aurora Bend, Darwin Twp (Clark Co): ad carrying snake, 5 Apr (EWW). The Glades State Fish & Waterfowl Manageme (Jersey Co): nest, 23 Mar (EWW). Flora (Clay Co): juv begging from ad, 16 Jul (RLJ). **Others**: Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Glenview (Cook Co): 5 Jul (GAW). Kankakee: imm, 25 & 27 May (JBH). Green Oaks: 18 Jun (MJB). Spoon L (Knox Co): 2 Jun & 2 Jul (MJB). Near Spoon L (Knox Co): 15 Jul (MJB). R Bend FP: 2 Aug (CKA). Kennekuk P: season (MGA). F Glen Psv: ad calling, 17 May (SDB) & 29 May (MFC). Panther Crk SFWA: 1 Jul (KS). Honey Bend (Montgomery Co): ad, 2 Jul (RLJ). Fox Crk (Richland Co): 30 Jun (CLH). Carl.F: 28 Jun & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). Marion Co: 1 Jul (CLH). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): ad, 10 Jul (RLJ). Washington Co CA: ad, 18 Jun (RLJ). Murphysboro (Jackson Co): 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). Dixon Spgs SP (Pope Co): 15 Jul (DMK). Mermet L: 21 Jun (DMK, BAH).

Broad-winged Hawk

Breeding: Renault (Monroe Co): ad w/fledgling, 19 Jun (RLJ). Orchard Crk (Alexander Co): ad on nest, 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Sw. Union Co: ad at nest, 25 Apr (DTW, SDB, TAM, CAT). **Others**: Rock Cut: 15 Jun (EBC). Waterfall Glen: 26 Jul (JAS, PAM). Swallow Cliff Wds: ad, 8 Jun (WJM et al.). Mazonia-Braidwd: juv, 8 Aug (JBH). Kankakee R SP: 30 May (JBH). Green Oaks: 18 Jun (MJB). Spoon L (Knox Co): 2 Jul (MJB). Siloam Spgs SP (Adams Co): 2 on 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co): ad, 28 Jul; 2 on 31 Jul (RES, CLH). Jackson Co: 23 Jun (KAM). Union Co: 23 Jun (KAM).

Swainson's Hawk

MC: 6, McHenry Co, 1 Aug (RAM, ALM). **Others**: McHenry Co: 3 pr, season (RAM, ALM). Kane Co: pr, season (RAM, ALM). Burlington Twp (Kane Co): ad (one of above pr?), 17-27 Jul (DRD, KAM, DJS, m.ob.).

Red-tailed Hawk

Breeding: Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co): nest, Mar (*fide* SDB). Waterfall Glen: "breeding", season (REF, KDF). Goose L Pr: ad incubating, 5 Apr (DFS). Macomb Twp (McDonough Co): 2 fledged yg, 5 Jun (LLH). Allerton P: female on nest, 20 Apr (CKA). Vmln Co: 3 active nests, 29 Mar (BL). Se. Edgar Co: nest, 5 Apr (EWW). Ne. Calhoun Co: nest, 23 Mar (EWW). Keyesport (Clinton Co): nest, 22 Mar (EWW). **MC**: 10, Carl.C, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 7, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 5, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 5, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM). **NBSO**: JP: imm, 4 Jul (PRC). **Other**: Edwards Co: "albino" except for red tail, 25 Jul (RES ph).

American Kestrel

Breeding: U of IL campus, Urb.: pr near nest site, 31 Mar (RK). Urb.: pr at nest site in building, Mar–Jul, w/pr feeding 2 fledglings, 18-19 Aug (SDB, m.ob.). Hull (Pike Co): 3 (family group), 15 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 12, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 8, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 8, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 8, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, St Clair Co, 3 Jul (KAM); 5, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM). **Others**: JP: female, 18 Jun (PRC), & 1 on 5 Jul (DCA).

Merlin

Grass L (Lake Co): **31 Jul** (JRG, BS).

Peregrine Falcon

Breeding: Bridge over Calumet R, LCal: successful nest (first confirmed nesting at site), w/at least 1 fledgling, 11 Mar–24 Jun (WJM). **Others**: Linc.P: 2 ad, 16 Jul (GAW). Montrose H: 2 imm, 26 Jul (GAW). Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge (Cook Co): 1-2 roosting thru summer (DJA *fide* JSA). Bartel Gr: ad, 18 Jun (ABA). Broadway & Lawrence Ave, Chi: 2 ad & juv, 29 Jun (MJB). Hyde Park, Chi: thru season (PRC). Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co): 21 Jul (JBH). St Clair Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Monroe Co: 1 Jul (w/crow in talons) & 5 Jul (KAM).

BLACK RAIL

IBSP: 2 males aggressively defending adjacent territories & calling continuously, 11-14 Jun, w/single male thru 19 Jun (EWW:voice recording, video). Pratts Wayne Wds: season (PAM). Emiquon Psv: singing (breeding or migrant?), 16 Aug (EWW, WSS).

King Rail

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: 3 pr, 2 ad, 2 juv, season (PAM). Philip SP: 3 pr, calling ad, 4 chicks, 3 juv, season (PAM). **MC**: **14**, Philip SP, season (PAM); **10**, Pratts Wayne Wds, season (PAM). **Others**: Midfork Sav: 27 Jun (JSS). Evanston (Cook Co): injured at a suburban house, 5 Jun (ABB). Whalon L FP (Will Co): 22 May (MAM) thru 13 Jul (TAM, m.ob.). Goose L Pr: 2 on 12 Jun (BR). Emiquon Psv: 27 Jul (KBR). Spunky Btms Psv (Brown Co): "breeding" pr, season (TH). Guzy Pr: female, 1 & 20 Jun (TAM, TDF). Farina (Fayette Co): 12 Jul (DMK ph, MSS). PrRdg: 23 Jun (RES).

Virginia Rail

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: 25 pr, 20 other ad, 20 fledglings, 7 juv, season (PAM). Philip SP: 7 pr, 8 other calling ad, 3 chicks, 3 juv, season (PAM). **MC**: **97**, Pratts Wayne Wds, season (PAM); 28, Philip SP, season (PAM). **Others**: Nieman M Psv (Wbgo Co): 2 on 8 Jun (DTW). Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): 2 territories, 11 Jun (EWW). IBSP: 11 Jun (EWW). Rollins Sav: 7-8 Jun (DRD). Whalon L FP (Will Co): 2 calling, 19 Jul (JAS). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 6 Jun (DRD). Hegewisch M, LCal: 10 Jun & 6 Jul (WJM). Harborside Golf Course, LCal: 11 Jun (WJM). Wilkinson-Renwick M NPsv (De Kalb Co): 1 Jun (DTW). Goose L Pr: 2, 5 Jul (BR).

Sora

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: 20 pr, 26 other calling ad, 11 fledglings, 7 juv, season (PAM). Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal: 5 (incl. 2-3 juv), 19 Jul (WJM, JRG et al.). **MC**: **64**, Pratts Wayne Wds, season (PAM); 22 (6 pr, 10 other calling ad), Philip SP, season (PAM). **Others**: Nieman M Psv (Wbgo Co): 3 on 8 Jun (DTW). Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): 4 territories (2 pr & 2 singing), 11 Jun (EWW). Midfork Sav: 2 on 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Winfield Twp (Du Page Co): 8 Jun (JWL). Bode L FP (Cook Co): 16 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 21 Jun (ABA). Harborside Golf Course, LCal: ad, 1 & 11 Jun & 26 Jul (WJM). L Cal (Hegewisch M): ad, 10 Jun & 6 Jul (WJM). Indian Ridge M, LCal: ad, 17 Jun & 15 Jul (WJM). Wilkinson-Renwick M NPsv (De Kalb Co): 3 on 1 Jun (DTW). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): 4 Jun (SDB). L Decatur dredge ponds: 2-3 on 15 Jun; 1 on 4 Jul (TAM). Rossville Junction (Vmln Co): 6 calling, 28 May (SDB). Urb.: 4 Jun (migrant?) (ARm, MB). Guzy Pr: 2 on 20 Jun; 1 on 26 Jul (TAM, TDF). Nw. Jasper Co: 26 Jul (early fall migrant?) (TLE *fide* CLH). **ECape Gir.**: 5 on 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Note**: While conducting research with

Soras, U of IL researchers regularly encountered the species during late May in east-central IL, well past the usual spring departure dates for most individuals of this species. Like some other (especially marsh) species, the cool and stormy weather of late spring likely hampered normal migration patterns (SDB).

Common Moorhen

Breeding: Almond M FP (Lake Co): family group, 3 & 9 Aug (MJH). Pratts Wayne Wds: 3 pr & 11 fledglings, season (PAM). McGinnis Sl: ad w/brood of 4 yg, Jul (WSS) & pr w/3 yg, 13 Jul (REF, KDF). Deadstick Pond, LCal: ad, 7 Jun & 26 Jul (WJM). Hegewisch M, LCal: ad, 10 Jun (WJM). Eggers Grv FP, LCal: ad, 17 Jun & 15 Jul (WJM). Hennepin L: 2 broods w/1 & 2 chicks, 30 Jun (DFS). **MC**: 17, Pratts Wayne Wds, season (PAM). **Others**: Sloane M, Upper Mississippi R NWR (Carroll Co): 16 Jun (AS). Redwing Sl (Lake Co): pr, 18 Jun (MPW). Philip SP: pr, season (PAM). Hennepin L: ad, 14 Jul (MJB). HL: 3 on 22 Jun (DMK). **ECape Gir.**: 19 Jul (DMK, MSS).

American Coot

Breeding: Hebron (McHenry Co): 11 nests (incl. 4 nests w/1-4 nestlings/ fledglings), 8 Jun (EWW). Dorr Twp (McHenry Co): 6 juv, 29 Aug (SDB). Rollins Sav: ad on nest, 13 May; 4-7 broods of 33 yg, 29 Jun (EWW). Harborside Golf Course, LCal: 2 downy yg, 3 Jul (WJM). Erie (Whiteside Co): 3 downy chicks, 25 Jul (DFS). Green R CA (Lee Co): 11 yg, 8 Jul (EWW). Emiquon Psv: numerous breeding prs, season (TH). **MC**: 49 (incl. 16 yg), Hebron (McHenry Co), 28 Jun (EWW); 26 (incl. 3 downy chicks), Erie (Whiteside Co), 25 Jul (DFS); 18, Rollins Sav, 8 Jun (DRD et al.); 18, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS). **Others**: Independence Grv FP (Lake Co): 1 Jun (JSS). Carson Sl (Kane Co): 27 Jul (GAW). Nelson L Psv: 2 Jun (CLC). Midfork Sav: 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Butterfld Crk LWR: ad, 31 Jul (ABA). Linc.P: 18 Jun (GAW). Goose L Pr: 5 Jul (BR). Kankakee: 2 on 3 Jun (JBH). Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co): 29 Jun (PR, DJM). Chau: all season (RGB, SNB). L Decatur dredge ponds: 2 on 15 Jun (TAM). HL: 3 on 22 Jun–1 Jul (DMK). Carl.F: 4 on 4 Jul (DMK). Monroe Co: 4 on 4 Jul (KAM). **Alexander Co**: 13 Jul (CAT, TLK). Mermet L: 20 Jun (DMK, MSS) & 23 Jun (KAM).

Sandhill Crane

Breeding: Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co): ad on nest, 7 Jun, but nest flooded out by 15 Jun (DTW). Harrison (Wbgo Co): pr w/colt (only Wbgo Co report of a colt all season), 29 Jul (AB *fide* DTW). McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): pr w/colt, 2 Aug (KML). Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co): pr w/small flightless yg, 3 Jul (CD ph). Ethel's Wds FP (Lake Co): pr at nest w/2 eggs, 10 May (SDB, SLD). Midfork Sav: pr w/colt, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Kane Co: pr w/2 flightless colts, 1 Jun (JH ph). **MC**: 20, Volo (Lake Co), 11 Jul (ADF); 6, Goose L Pr, 5 Jul (BR); 5, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT). **Others**: Rockton (Wbgo Co): 2 pr but no chicks, 20 Jul (DTW). Pecatonica (Wbgo Co): 2 pr but no chicks, 27 Jul (DTW). North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co): pr (likely unsuccessful nesting nearby), 13 Jul (EWW). Rollins Sav: 2 on 11 Jun (DRD) & 19 Jun (BJS). Nelson L Psv: pr, 9 Jun (JH). Sugar Grove (Kane Co): 2 on 27 Jul (GAW). Barrington Hills (Cook Co): 2 Jun (ABA et al.). McGinnis Sl: pr, 24 Jun (DFS). Goose L Pr: pr & 2+ calling, 11 Jul (JAJ). **Notes**: The low areas adjoining the four major rivers that were flooded for much of the spring and summer season in Wbgo Co were a detriment to "the cranes that normally nest in those same low marshy and prairie areas. High water in May likely ruined or frustrated their first nesting attempt. Subsequently, they tried to nest again when the water receded in late May/early June, only to have the rivers rise again and flood their new nests or nest sites" (DTW).

American Golden-Plover

NBSO: sw. Stephenson Co: breeding plumage, 16 Jun (DFS).

Killdeer

Breeding: Deer Run FP (Wbgo Co): ad w/4 downy chicks, 13 Jun (EBC). Tabler Rd, Kane Co: 3 small chicks, 26 May (DFS). Songbird Sl: pr w/1 small yg, 20 Jun (ABA). Northwestern Wds FP (Cook Co): pr w/2 small yg, 25 May (ABA). Rainbow Beach, Chi: nest w/4 eggs, 31 May (DFS). Goose L Pr: nest w/4 eggs, 12 & 28 Jun (DFS). Midewin Pr: 3 flightless chicks, 12 Jun (DFS). McDonough Co: 6 downy yg, 10 May (LLH). Fulton Co: "strong nesting behavior", 9 Apr (LLH). Stockland Twp (Iroquois Co): pr w/3 downy yg, 14 Jun (SDB). MidFork FP: 2 fledglings, 17 Jun (EJC). Urb.: fledgling, 10 May (EJC). PrRdg: pr at nest w/4 eggs, 26 Apr (KDF). Monroe Co: 36 ad & 4 yg, 5 Jul (KAM). **MC**: 375, Kendall Co sod farms, 29 Jul (DFS); 319, Am. Btms, 27 Jul (C&PD); 300, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 170, Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 5 Aug (JBH); 100, McHenry Co sod farm, 17 Jul (DRD); 93, De Kalb Co, 20 Jul (GAW); 89, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 82, Chau, 11 Jul (RGB, SNB); 80, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 60, Farina (Fayette Co), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 55, Kane Co, 27 Jul (GAW). **Note**: Although "many adults around, nesting success appeared low due to the cold, wet spring and destruction of nests by farming cultivation" (LLH).

Black-necked Stilt

Breeding: **Sgmn Co**: nest building, 10 Jun; distraction display, 14 Jun; nest w/4 eggs, 16 Jun; ad on nest, 17-23 Jun in now dry nest site, and nest deserted w/only 3 eggs, 24 Jun; then at another area, 23-24 Jun (HDB). Emiquon Psv: breeding colony on small island in Thompson L, w/3 chicks less than 1 week old in Jul (TH). Keensburg (Wabash Co): "appeared to be nesting, as group noted mobbing a kestrel & a Bald Eagle. Wabash R flood likely destroyed some nests; pr noted copulating on 18 Jun & 2 of 8 birds on nests 2 Jul" (CLH). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: 4 active nests, 4-21 Jun (DMK ph, MSS, BAH). Mitchie (Monroe Co): pr w/3 week-old fledglings, 2 Aug (EWW ph). Harrisonville (Monroe Co): pr w/2 juv, 2 Aug (EWW). Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co): 2 ad & 2 juv, 17 Aug (EWW). UCCA: 4 ad & 2 juv, 17 Aug (EWW). ECape Gir.: 30 ad and 3 nests w/1, 2, & 3 eggs, 21 May (SDB ph); 6 nests w/1-4 eggs each, 25 May (EWW). **MC**: **112** (22+ juv) & **71** (possibly 33 pr), ECape Gir., 17 Aug (EWW, WSS) & 25 May (EWW); **49** (incl. at least 5 imms), Am. Btms, 13 Jul (KAM, C&PD); **38**, Emiquon Psv, season (TH, CY ph, JGW ph); **41**, near Lawrenceville Airport (Lawrence Co), 9 Jul (and note **31** there on 6 Jul, **25** on 10 Jul, but only 2 on 13 Jul as flooded agriculture field was drying up) (CLH); **33** (incl. juvs), Harrisonville (Monroe Co), 2 Aug (EWW) (same site as Am. Btms sighting above?); **10**, Keensburg (Wabash Co), 6 Jun (w/8 still present, 1 Aug) (CLH); **9**, Downs Twp (**McLean Co**), 17-18 Jun (MJW, TR, m.ob.); **9**, Willard (Alexander Co), 3 Aug (EWW). **Others**: Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, **LCal**: 2 males & 2 females, 5-7 Jun (WJM, ph). Sgmn Co: 2 on 6 & 9 Jun; 3 on 11 Jun; 4 (2 pr) on 12-13 Jun; 5 on 14 Jun (HDB); see above for nesting. Colfax Twp (Champaign Co): 3 in two locations in flooded agriculture fields, 12 Jun (SDB). Champaign Twp (Champaign Co): 2 on 13

Sandhill Crane pair with young. Volo Bog, Lake County. 9 July 2008. As of this writing, the Sandhill Crane is threatened in Illinois. Photo by Claire Dassy.

Laughing Gull and friend (Ring-billed Gull).
Montrose, Cook County.
28 June 2008.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Jun (MPW, KS). Ogden (Champaign Co): 2 on 21 Jun (CCC, JOS). Lowe Twp (Moultrie Co): 5 on 25 Jun (EJC). Arcola M (Douglas Co): in flooded agriculture field, 12 Jun (SDB). Farina (Fayette Co): 3 on 3 Jul EWW); pr, 2 Aug (CLH). Carl.F: 2 on 21 Jun (MSS). Am. Btms: 2 ad, 3 Jun; 6 ad, 15 Jun; 16 ad, 4 Jul; 10 ad, 19 Jul; 2 ad, 27 Jul (C&PD). Randolph Co: 3 on 1 Jul (KAM). Jackson Co: 20 on 20 Jun; 10 on 21 Jun (DMK, MSS, BAH). Levee Rd, Union Co: 10 on 20 Jun; 5 on 21 Jun (DMK, MSS, BAH). Miller City (Alexander Co): 11 on 7 Jul (KAM). Willard (Alexander Co): 2 pr, 26 May–2 Aug (EWW). Dogtooth I: 5 on 21 Jun; 12 on 6 Jul (DMK, MSS, BAH). Levee Rd, Alexander Co: 10 on 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). Mermet L: 2 on 21 May (SDB). **Notes**: 147 seen on 17 Aug from four sites in four counties and 90 seen on 25 May from seven sites in three counties (EWW). Unprecedented large numbers of this species appeared over a large portion of the state this summer! In many cases, the birds likely attempted to breed in the flooded agricultural fields where most were found.

Greater Yellowlegs

NBSO: Sgmn Co: 11 Jun (late spring migrant?) (HDB).

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: GrtLakes: 7 ad & 7 chicks, 18 Jun (DRD). Sauer Pr: ad on nest, 1 Jun (REF). Songbird Sl: 2 pr, 29 May; pr & juv, 20 Jun (ABA). Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co): yg present, 17 Jul (REF, KDF). Montrose H: juv, 24 Jul (GAW). JP: nesting pr w/1 large yg, 4 Jul (PRC). Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal: 1 downy yg, 19 Jul (WJM, DBJ). **MC**: 27 ad, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 7 Jun (WJM); 26, Chau, 16 Jul (RGB, SNB); 26 & 24, Carl.C, 26 & 24 Jul (but only 2-4 there, 4-19 Jul) (DMK, MSS); 10, Kane Co, 27 Jul (GAW). **Others**: Stephenson Co: 26 Jul (CAT). Wauk.: 7 Jun (WSG). Independence Grv FP (Lake Co): 1 Jun (JSS). Midfork Sav: 28 Jun (MJH, SLD). Afton FP (De Kalb Co): 4 Jul (DJS). Sauer Pr: 6 on 3 Jul (RM). Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co): 3 on 8 Jun (JSA). Des Plaines R, Des Plaines (Cook Co): 2 ad, 28 Jun (ABA). Busse F: 7 Jun (ABA). Butterfld Crk LWR: 18 Jun & 31 Jul (ABA). Governors State U, Will Co: 8 Jun (CAT). Mazonia-Braidwd: 4 Jul; juv, 23 Jul (JBH). Kankakee: 3 on 11 & 18 Jul (JBH). Double T SFWA (Fulton Co): 2 on 7 Jun (AJ). L Decatur dredge ponds: 2 on 15 Jun (TAM). Pike Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Guzy Pr: 26 Jul (TAM). Wabash R at Grayville (White Co): 6 Jun (CLH). HL: 2 on 27 Jul (KAM). Monroe Co: 4 on 13 Jul (KAM).

Upland Sandpiper

Breeding: Double T SFWA (Fulton Co): 6 ad & 1 week-old fledgling, 7 Jun (AJ). PrRdg (Marion Co): pr copulating, 9 Jun (CLH). PrRdg: agitated pr, 11-12 Jun (CLH). **MC**: 7, Fulton Co, as above; 3 (incl. agitated pr), PrRdg, 11-12 Jun (JWW et al.). **Others**: Lost Mound: 2 territories, 13 Jun (SDB). Mill Crk ß (Ogle/Carroll Cos): 21 Jun (DTW). Sauer Pr: 5 on 1 Jun (REF, KDF). Earlville (La Salle Co): ad at traditional breeding site in pasture, 4 Jul (DJS). Midewin Pr: 2 on 12 Jul (JAS). Monticello Rd Field Station (Champaign Co): pr, 19 Apr–Jun (SDB, m.ob.). Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co): 4 calling males at annual site, 14 Jun (SDB). Elwin (Macon Co): 20 Jul (TAM). PrRdg: 3 on 16 Jun (RES). Jamestown ß (Madison Co): 2 Jun (DMK).

Least Sandpiper

NBSO: Sgmn Co: 19 Jun (early fall migrant?) (HDB).

American Woodcock

Breeding: Air Station Pr, Glenview (Cook Co): ad on nest, 20 & 26 Apr + (KF, ABA, WSG ph). **MC**: 15 (mostly displaying males), Kennekuk P & Heron County P (Vmln Co), 18-19 Apr (SDB, m.ob.); 5, Logan Co (MOON), 26 Jul (JG). **Others:** Rollins Sav: 3 males on territory, 6 Apr (SDB, SLD). Nelson L Psv: 2 Jul (EES). Braidwood Dunes & Savanna NPsv (Will Co): 3 on 4 Jul (DJS). Kennekuk P: many flushed throughout season (MGA).

Wilson's Snipe

Victoria (Knox Co): in suitable breeding habitat (nesting?), 12 Jun (MJB). Goose L Pr: 21 May; 3 on 12 Jun (BR). PrRdg: 12 Jun; 2 on 19 Jun (JWW, TLE); 24 Jun (*fide* SAS). **Note**: "Very numerous & vocal this spring at PrRdg, plus several dates suggestive of possible breeding there" (CLH).

Wilson's Phalarope

Breeding: Rollins Sav: 2 on 11 Jun–6 Jul (DRD); male & 2 juv, 29 Jun (EWW ph); female w/2 juv, 10 Jul (JSS). Midfork Sav: female (breeding attempt?), 27-28 Jun (JSS et al.). Sauer Pr: 2 nests, one w/egg & other w/ eggshell remnants of 3 eggs, 27 Jun (PAM); 2 territorial males & juv, 28 Jun (EWW ph, EES); male w/3 juv, 19 Jul (AAA, SA); 2 on 3 Jun (DRD); one giving a distraction display, 8 Jun (REF, KDF). **Guzy Pr**: male & 3 females, 1 Jun, and agitated male, 5 Jul (TAM); bred here in 2005. **Note**: The most summer/breeding records and locations in many years.

Laughing Gull

North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co): 3rd summer, 29 Jun (EWW ph). IBSP: 2nd summer, 22 Jun (EWW ph). Montrose H: ad, 19 May–31 Jul (GAW, m.ob., ph). Mazonia-Braidwd (Kankakee/Will Cos): subad, 29 Jun (JBH). Sgmn Co: ad, 1-5 Jun & 8 Jun; imm, 6-8 Jun (HDB). Carl.C: ad, 4 Jul (DMK). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 1st summer, 2 & 10 Jul (CLH). **Hybrid**: Laughing X Ring-billed Gull: Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, LCal: 14 Jun (*WJM); fifth consecutive year at this location.

Franklin's Gull

NBSO: Clear L (Mason Co): ad, 4 Jun (RGB, SNB). Sgmn Co: 2 imm, 4 Jun; ad, 16 Jun (HDB).

Bonaparte's Gull

NBSO: GrtLakes: 7 on 10 Jul (DRD). Saganashkee Sl, Palos: 2 on 29 Jul (AAA). LCal: 2 on 29 Jul (GAW). La Salle L SFWA (La Salle Co): 28 Jul (MAM). Mazonia-Braidwd: 1st summer, 3 Jul (JBH ph).

Ring-billed Gull

Breeding: Wood Dale Grv (Du Page Co): 1100 ad at nesting site, 29 Mar; 7 ad on nests & 3 copulating pr, 14 Apr; 61 ad on nests & 19 copulating pr, 19 Apr; 1030 ad w/535 juv, 7 Jun; 830 ad w/815 juv, 20 Jun (ABA). Harborside Golf Course, LCal: 34 newly-fledged juv from nearby breeding colony, 25 Jul (WJM). Dime Pier, Chi: 20 juv from nearby breeding colony, 1 Jul (GAW). **MC**: 1870, North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 11 Jul; 1125 (all ad), same site, 21 Jun (EWW); 1020, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 1019, Montrose H, 23 Jul (GAW); 700, Carl.C, 17-26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 450 (~10% juv), Mazonia-Braidwd, 23 Jul (JBH); 256, Chau, & 241, Clear L (Mason Co), 25 Jul (but only 8 on 4 Jun) (RGB, SNB). **Others**: Spfld L: 3 on 20 Jul (KAM). R Bend FP: 4 on 15 Jul (EJC). Calhoun Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). HL: 60 on 27 Jul (KAM). Carl.C: 2 juv., 17 Jul (DMK, MSS). East Fork L (Richland Co): 2 on 29 Jun (CLH); Rend L (Jefferson Co): 3 on 23 Jun (KAM).

Herring Gull

MC: 45 (1st & 2nd yr birds), North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 9 Jun (EWW). **Others**: Montrose H: 2 on 24 Jul (GAW). McGinnis Sl: 5 Jul (REF, KDF). Mazonia-Braidwd: 2 (1 3rd cycle), 29 Jun; 13 Jul; 3rd cycle, 23 Jul; juv, 27 Jul (JBH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co): 4 (all molting to 2nd winter), 29 Jun; found after a severe thunderstorm and ne. winds, w/none encountered the rest of summer (EWW).

Caspian Tern

MC: 94 (incl. 9 juv) & 85, Mazonia-Braidwd, 31 & 26 Jul (and 3-20+ regularly there, 24 Jun–11 Aug) (JBH); 42, GrtLakes, 10 Jul (DRD); 37 (at least 5 juv) & 19, Saganashkee Sl, Palos, 29 Jul (WSS, WJM) & 24 Jun (DFS); 37, La Salle L (La Salle Co), 28 Jul (MAM); 36, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 25, Montrose H, 24 Jul (GAW); 25, L Decatur dredge ponds, 2 Aug (TAM); 14 (8 ad, 6 juv), Harborside Golf Course, LCal, 25 Jul (WJM); 13, Des Plaines R widewaters, Channahon (Will Co), 12 Jul (BSm). **NBSO**: Chau: 2 on 13 Jun (RGB, SNB). HL: 22 Jun (FRH). Carl.C: 4–25 migrant ad w/yg, 4-24 Jul (DMK, MSS). ECape Gir.: 2 on 13 Jul (CAT, TLK). **Others**: IBSP: 4 on 22 Jun (EWW); Waterfall Glen: 12 Jul (REF, KDF).

Least Tern chicks in Alexander County. 7 July 2008. The Least Tern is endangered in Illinois. Photo by Keith McMullen.

Midlothian Reservoir (Cook Co): 3 on 18 Jun (ABA). Butterfld Crk LWR: 2 on 18 Jun (ABA). Grant P: 2 on 4 Jun (DFS). McGinnis Sl: 24 Jun (DFS). Tampier Sl, Palos: 2 on 11 Jun (DFS). JP: 5 on 4 Jun (PRC). Big M, LCal: 27 Jun (DFS). Wolf L, LCal: 5 Jun (DFS). Goose L Pr: 4 on 5 Jul (BR). Rock Island Co: 16 Jun (DFS). IL R, Grundy Co: 12 Jun (DFS). Brandon Rd lock, Will Co: 4 on 28 Jun (DFS). Kankakee: 2 ad, 22 Jun & 11 Jul (JBH).

Common Tern

Breeding: This species's only breeding site in 1L was unsuccessful due to Great Horned Owl predation activities once again (DRD). However, before predation began: GrtLakes: 22 nests, 61 eggs & 3 hatched chicks, 12 Jun; 10 chicks & 35 ad, 18 Jun; 25 ad at 6 active nests w/14 eggs & one recently hatched chick, 10 Jul (DRD). **MC**: 35 ad, GrtLakes, 5 & 18 Jun (DRD).

Forster's Tern

NBSO: Chau: 4 on 4 Jun; 5 on 27 Jun (RGB, SNB). Mount Erie Twp (Wayne Co): 2 on 30 Jun (CLH). East Fork L (Richland Co): 3 on 30 Jul (CLH). Clinton Co: 1-4 (breeding plumage), 17-26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Saganashkee Sl, Palos: 2 on 24 Jun (DFS). Mazonia-Braidwd: 2 on 29 Jun; 2 on 3 Jul; 4 ad, 13 Jul; 3 on 19 Jul; ad, 27 Jul (JBH).

Least Tern

Breeding: Cowling (Wabash Co): 2 (agitated) in agriculture field where flooding had deposited sand and gravel, 10 Jul; 1 on 15 Jul (CLH). Neunert (Jackson Co): nesting along gravel roadsides (due to flooded fields), 21 Jun (*fide* RMR); 10 nests, 4 Jul (EWW); colony destroyed (possibly by local residents in response to USF&WSS road closure due to tern nesting) shortly afterward; see next. Jacob (Jackson Co): 46 nests on gravel roadside (relocation of destroyed Neunert colony?), 23 Jul, but colony deserted, 28 Jul (*fide* RMR). Dogtooth I: nest, 20 Jun (DMK ph, MSS). ECape Gir.: 23 ad, 2 yg, 3 nests w/7 eggs, 7 Jul (KAM ph). **MC**: 92, ECape Gir., 23 Jun (KAM); 64, Jacob (Jackson Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 41, Miller City (Alexander Co), 7 Jul (KAM); 30, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 27, Neunert (Jackson Co), 4 Jul (EWW); 7, Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co), 8 Jun (DMK). **Others**: Sgmn Co: ad, 16 Jun (HDB). HL: 3 on 7 Jun (FRH). Keensburg (Wabash Co): 2 (across Wabash R from Indiana breeding colony), 6 Jun–10 Jul (CLH). Willard (Alexander Co): pr, 2 Aug (EWW).

Black Tern

Breeding: Redwing Sl (Lake Co): 20 at nest colony site, 18 Jun (MPW). **NBSO**: Harrison (Wbgo Co): 15 Jun (JLA, JA). Rochelle (Ogle Co): 18 Jun (EWW). Saucr Pr: 8 Jun (REF, CAT, TLK). Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co): 16 Jun (DFS). Hennepin L: breeding plumage, 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). Goose L Pr: 10 on 21 May (BR). Mazonia-Braidwd (Kankakee/Will Cos): 5 (incl. juv & mostly breeding-plumaged ads), 29 Jun (JBH). Victoria (Knox Co): ad, 26 Jun (MJB). Sgmn Co: 26 on 1 Jun; 9 on 2 Jun; 3 on 3 Jun (HDB). L Decatur dredge ponds: 13 (12 ad, 1 imm), 5 Aug (TAM). Carl.F: ad, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: 2 ad, 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Lawrence Co: 6 & 8 Jul (CLH). HL: 4-15 on 4-20 Jun (KAM). Monroe Co: 2 on 13 Jul (KAM). Am. Btms: 6 on 19 Jul (C&PD).

Rock Pigeon

Breeding: Iroquois Wds FP (Cook Co): ad on nest under Interstate 294 bridge, 17 Aug (ABA). Urb.: ad on nest, 7 Jun (EJC). Hull (Pike Co): 14 ad (and broken pigeon eggshell) under Interstate 72 bridge, 15 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 80, Ware (Union Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 70, Montrose H, 1 Jul (GAW); 40, EStL, 1 Jul (DMK); 30, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 30, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 30 Jun (DMK); 30, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 12, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK). **Others**: Somonauk (De Kalb Co): many regularly singing in town, incl. prs, season (DJS). Kendall Co: 20 Jul (KAM). L Renwick (Will Co): 2 on 27 Jul (GAW). Godley (Will Co): 1-2 on 3 Jul–8 Aug (JBH). Will Co: 4 on 11 Jul (KAM). Grant Park (Kankakee Co): 2 on 14 Jun (GAW). Earlville (La Salle Co): 2, early Jun (*fide* SDB). Midewin Pr: 12 Jul (JAS). Danvers (McLean Co): 3 on 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA). Lomax (Henderson Co): 3 on 27 Jun (SDB). Nauvoo (Hancock Co): 2 Jul (SDB). Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co): 18 Jul (RLJ). Leverett (Champaign Co): 2 on 30 Jul (SDB). Tallula (Menard Co): 3 territories, 3 Aug (EWW). Schuyler, Pike & Morgan Cos: 2 on 11 Jul (KAM). Decatur: calling, 5-6 Aug (TAM). Florence & Detroit (Pike Co): 16 Aug (EWW). Griggsville (Pike Co): 2 on 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). Chapin (Morgan Co): 16 Aug (EWW). Barrow (Greene Co): 2 pr, 3 Aug (EWW). Farina (Fayette Co): 1 Aug (EWW). Kinmundy (Marion Co): pr, 12 Jun (SDB). Granite City (Madison Co): 4 on 1 Jul (DMK). Madison Co: 20 Jul (KAM). Jamestown ß: 2 on 2 Jun (DMK). St Clair Co: 5 Jul (KAM). Huey (Clinton Co): 4 on 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). Beaucoup ß: 3 on 6 Jun (DMK). Columbia ß: 8 Jun (KAM). Monroe Co: 3 on 9 Jul (KAM). Hecker (Monroe Co): 2 on 24 Jun (DMK). Red Bud (Randolph Co): 2 on 9 Jun (DMK). Ruma (Randolph Co): 4 on 7 Jul (KAM). Perry Co: 23 Jun (KAM). Zeigler (Franklin Co): 21 May (SDB). Jackson Co: 23 Jun (KAM). Ware (Union Co): 15 & 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Levee Rd, Alexander Co: 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Note**: "Explosion of population in Decatur area" (TAM).

Mourning Dove

Breeding: Wood Dale Grv (Du Page Co): ad nest building, 14 Jun (ABA). Prairie P, Schaumburg (Cook Co): flightless yg on ground, 26 Jul (ABA). Des Plaines (Cook Co): flightless yg on ground, 19 Aug (ABA). R Bend FP: nest building, 3 May (CKA). **MC**: 227, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 150, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 103, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 98, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 88, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 79, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 80, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 70, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 66, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 63, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 62, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 59, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 57, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 57, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 51, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 50, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 20 Jul (KAM); 50, Shiloh (St Clair Co), 21 Jul (KAM); 49, Atkinson ß (Henry Co), 16 Jun (DFS); 49, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 47, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 47, Waynesville ß, 24 Jun (VMK). **Note:** "High numbers everywhere" in Champaign Co (EJC).

Monk Parakeet

Breeding: Antioch (Lake Co): 7 at nest, 15 Mar (JSS) & 4 there, 31 May (EWW). Addison (Du Page Co): 2 on 27 Jul (GAW); 5 on 5 Aug (BSm). Burnham, LCal: colony of 45 ad at 18 nests, 14 Jun (WJM). Blue Island (Cook Co): "new" nest on utility tower, 4 Mar (WJM). 87th St & Central Park Ave, Chi: nest on cell tower, 8 Jan (WJM). Rowan P, LCal: 5 "new" nests, 20 Mar (WJM). Mt Greenwood cemetery, Chi: 29 ad at 2 nests, 4 Mar (WJM, SF). 132nd St & Avenue O, LCal: "new" nest on utility tower, 5 Jan (WJM, CDH); ad building nest in spruce tree, 10 Jan (WJM). Wolf L, LCal: 4 nests, 6 ad (incl. 4 nest building), 18 May (WJM). **MC**: 45, Burnham, LCal, as above. **Note**: "Nests on utility poles/cell towers are often removed as quickly as parakeets build them" (WJM).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: Waterfall Glen: carrying food, 19 Jun (REF, KDF). **MC**: 4 (2 males at 2 locations), Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 2 Jun (ABA). **Others**: Pecatonica (Wbgo Co): 27 Jul (DTW). Glacial P (McHenry Co): 7 Jun (BJS). Ne. Lake Co: 18 Jun (WSG, APS). North Unit, IBSP: 13 Jul (DW) & 17 Jul (REP). Campton FP (Kane Co): 2 on 19 Jun (ABH). Herrick L FP: 11 Jun (EES). Waterfall Glen: 10 Jul (DMK). Somme Pr NPsv (Cook Co): 21 Jun (JRS). Wood Dale Grv: 14 Jun & 19 Jul (ABA). Paul Douglas FP: Jun (SWS). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): 2 on 31 May (BR). Potawatomi Wds FP (Cook Co): 10 Jun (AR). Poplar Crk FP: 16 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 2 males, 21 Jun (ABA). Plum Crk: 2 males, 1 Aug (ABA). Linc.P: 16 Jul (GAW). Montrose H: juv, 15 Jul (RDH) & 20 Jul (AAA). Hegewisch M, LCal: 14 Jun

(CAT). Midcwin Pr: 2 on 5 Jul (RDH). Mazonia-Braidwd (Kankakee Co): 2 on 3 Aug (JBH). Pembroke Twp: 4 Jul (DFS). Bardolph (McDonough Co): 27 Jun (LLH). Panther Crk SFWA: 1 Jul (KS). Spfld: 2 on 5-6 Jul (RLJ). Sgmn FP (Champaign Co): 9 Aug (EJC). Siloam Spgs SP (Adams Co): 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). East Nelson Twp (Moultrie Co): 14 Jul (RLJ). **NBSO**: JP: 9 Jul (PRC). **Notes**: "Pretty scarce" in Wbgo Co (DTW). "None detected on numerous statewide bird censuses during late spring and summer" (SDB). Adding this species to the state threatened list is under discussion (SDB).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

MC: 20, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun (KS); 14, Walker Twp, 10 & 18 Jul (SDB); 14 & 10, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul & 17 Jun (RLJ); 9, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 9, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 8, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 8, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 8, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 10 Jul (MPW); 8, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 7, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 16 Jul (SDB); 6, Salt Crk Wds, 22 Jun (DFS); 6, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 6, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 6, Renault (Monroe Co), 15 Jul (RLJ); 5, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 5, Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 5, Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 5, Mazonia-Braidwd, 24 Jun (JBH); 4, Jo Daviess Co (MOON), 23 Jun (RN); 4, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 4, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 4, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 4, F Glen Psv, season (MFC); 4, Berdan (Greene Co), 22 Jun–2 Jul (MPW); 4, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 11 Jun (RLJ); 4, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 4, Pomona, 23 Jun (KAM); 4, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 4, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, Orchard Crk (Alexander Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Peeatonica (Wbgo Co): 3 on 27 Jul (DTW). Rockfd: 2 on 10 Jun (DTW). Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co): 26 Jul (EWW). IBSP: 22 Jun (EWW). Mettawa (Lake Co): 27 Jul (SDB, SLD). Grant Wds FP (Lake Co): 11 Jun (BJS). Ryerson CA (Lake Co): 15 Jun (DRD). Captain Daniel Wright Wds FP (Lake Co): 11 Jun (BJS). Campton FP (Kane Co): 7 & 19 Jun (ABH). Wood Dale Grv: 2 on 14 Jun (ABA). Potawatomi Wds FP (Cook Co): 3 feeding on gypsy moth caterpillars, 10 Jun (AR). Busse F: 3 on 7 Jun (ABA). Poplar Crk FP: 2 on 16 Jun (ABA). Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP: 2 on 2 Jun (ABA). Nachusa Grs: 17 Jun (ABH). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): 9 Jul (SDB). Kankakee Co: 3 on 14 Jun (GAW). Kankakee: 1-2 on 28 May–12 Aug (JBH). Kankakee R SP: 3 on 30 May (JBH) & 5 Jul (RDH). Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co): 3 on 23 Jun (TVL). Columbia ß: 3 on 8 Jun (KAM). Richview (Washington Co): 3 on 12 Jun (RLJ). Belknap ß: 3 on 24 Jun (VMK).

Barn Owl

Breeding: St Clair Co: pr & 4 yg at nest in tree in yard, 11 May–19 Jul (KMS, TUM, VMK et al., ph). **Others**: Salt Crk Wds: 20 Jun (DFS). Clinton Co: male, 27 Jul (MSS).

Eastern Screech-Owl

Breeding: Zion (Lake Co): red morph pr eopulating, 30 Mar (EWW). Urb. (residence): fledgling, 5 Aug (EJC). **MC**: 7, Coles Co (MOON), 25 May (LT, RR); 3, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Stephenson Co: 26 Jul (CAT). Waterfall Glen: 5 Jun (REF, KDF). Salt Crk Wds: 2 on 20 Jun (DFS). Palos: 23 Jun (WSS). Stark Co: 2 on 20 Jul (CAT). Hooper Branch Savanna NPsv (Iroquois Co): 5 Jul (WJM, AAA). Calhoun Co (MOON): 2 on 8 Jun (TB).

Great Horned Owl

Breeding: Northern IL U, Dc Kalb (De Kalb Co): ad feeding 2 yg, 30 Mar (DJS). Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co): ad on nest, 3 Feb (JAS, m.ob.). Mt Greenwood cemetery, Chi: 2 ad w/fledgling, 4 Mar (WJM, WSS, SF). Geneva (Kane Co): ad on nest next to town courthouse, 18 Jan, with yg by 6 Mar and fledging by 27 Mar (DJS). Arlington Heights (Cook Co): pr at nest in town fledged 1 yg, 5 May (JCB). N. of Bartel Gr: ad w/juv, 18 Jun (ABA, RW, JP). Depue (Bureau Co): ad on former Bald Eagle nest, 16 Mar (DJS). Subat FP (Kendall Co): nest w/2 yg, 9 Apr (DJS). Will Co: ad on nest, 20 Apr (CAT, TLK). Grundy Co: ad on nest w/2 downy yg on platform of utility tower, 14 Apr (FB, ph). Homer (Vmln Co): "recently fledged yg", 15-20 Aug (JOS). Danville (Vmln Co): 2 large yg in nest, 30 Mar (BL). **MC**: 14 & 11, Jo Daviess Co (MOON), 21 May (DE) & 22 Jul (JHo); 9, Lawrence Co (MOON), 21 May (PN); 7, Bond Co (MOON), 20 Jul (SB); 6, Whiteside Co (MOON), 21 Jun (JHo); 6 & 5, Woodford Co (MOON), 21 May & 16 Jun (AC, LA); 5, Coles Co (MOON), 25 May (LT, RR). **Others**: Hebron (McHenry Co): ad roosting in middle of marsh, likely preying on waterfowl at night, 8 Jun–26 Jul (EWW). Mazonia-Braidwd: 2 on 4 Jul & 3 Aug (JBH). Hancock Co (MOON): 3 on 20 May (BRs). Carl.C: 3 on 26 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Barred Owl

Breeding: Momence Wetlands: 2 ad & juv, 14 Jun (GAW). R Bend FP: entering nest hole with food for yg, 20 May (CKA). St Joseph (Champaign Co): pr "nesting", Apr–Jun (MPW). F Glen Psv: pr courting, 17 Apr–season (MFC). **MC**: **45**, Jasper Co (MOON), 21 May (SAS). **31** & **21**, Jo Daviess Co (MOON), 23 Jun (RN) & 22 Jul (JH); **22** & **11**, Woodford Co (MOON), 21 May & 16 Jul (AC, LA); **19**, Bond Co (MOON), 20 Jul (SB); **18**, Calhoun Co (MOON), 14 Jun (JS); 14, Whiteside Co (MOON), 21 Jun (JHo); 13, Piatt Co (MOON), 24 Jul (TB); 12, Union Co (MOON), 23 May (JPH, MML); 10, Coles Co (MOON), 25 May (LT, RR); 8, Lawrence Co (MOON), 21 May & 17 Jun (PN); 5, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ). **Others**: Galena (Jo Daviess Co): 2 on 17 May (EWW). L Le-Aqua-Na: 2 on 26 Jul (CAT). Waterfall Glen: 4 Jul (REF, KDF). Nachusa Grs: 18 May (ABH) & 2 Jun (EWW). Andover (Henry Co): 20 Jun (SDB). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): 15 May (EWW). Stark Co: 2 on 20 Jul (CAT). Livingston Co (MOON): 2 on 22 Jul (NV). Hancock Co (MOON): 3 on 15 Jun (BRs). Walker Twp: 3 on 10 Jul (SDB). Logan Co (MOON): 3 on 26 Jul (JG). Panther Crk SFWA: 2 on 19 Jun (KS). East Fork Twp (Clinton Co): 3 on 27 Jun (DMK). R Bend FP: pr, season (CKA et al.). Edwards Co (MOON): 4 on 16 May (RES).

Common Nighthawk

Breeding: Bushnell (McDonough Co): only 1 breeding pr (usually ~ 3 pr), season (LLH). **MC**: 14, Logan Co (MOON), 20 Jun (JG); 13, Calhoun Co (MOON), 18 Jul (CHt); 9 & 6, Belleville (St Clair Co), 2 Aug (EWW) & 8 Jun (DMK); 6, Red Bud (Randolph Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, O'Fallon (St Clair Co), 16 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Oak Park (Cook Co): 4 on 23 Jul (JSA). Des Plaines (Cook Co): 3 (incl. pr), 12 Jul (ABA). Cook Co (MOON): 3 on 4 Jul (JRS). Kankakee: 1-4 on 4 Jun–3 Aug (JBH). Monmouth (Warren Co): 3 on 8 Jul (SDB). Nauvoo (Hancock Co): 11 Jul (SDB). Quincy (Adams Co): 15 Jul (SDB). Champaign-Urb.: 8+ locations, season (SDB et al.). Vandalia (Fayette Co): 4 on 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). Troy (Madison Co): 3 on 16 Jul (KAM). Benton (Franklin Co): 22 May–9 Jun (SDB). Carbondale (Jackson Co): 3 Jul (EWW). **Note**: This declining species found as only 1-2 birds in Breese (Clinton Co), Carl.C, Waterloo (Monroe Co), Nashville (Washington Co), and Marion (Williamson Co) (DMK).

Chuck-will's-widow

Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co): 27 Jun (DMK). Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co): 12-20 Jun (DMK, MSS, BAH).

Whip-poor-will

Breeding: Walker Twp: pr flushed at nest site, 1 Jul (SDB). **MC**: **108**, Jo Daviess Co (MOON), 21 May (DE); **104**, Bond Co (MOON), 17 Jun (SB); **35**, Jasper Co (MOON), 16 Jun (SAS); **25**, Coles Co (MOON), 25 May (LT, RR); 14, ICCA, 14 Jun (GAW); 10, Calhoun Co (MOON), 14 Jun (JS); 9, IBSP, 11 Jun (EWW). **Others**: Ne. Lake Co: 6 on 18 Jun (WSG, APS). Palos: 23 Jun (WSS). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: 22 Jun (RLS). Downers Grove (Du Page Co): in daylight by roadside, 3 Jun (REF, KDF). Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv (Cook Co): calling, 22

Whip-poor-will young near Liberty. Adams County. 19 June 2008. Photo by Jamie Ellis.

Jun (WSS). ICCA: 20 Jun (JBH). Nachusa Grs: 18 May (EWW) & 4 Jun (ABH). Buffalo Rock SP (La Salle Co): 3 on 21 Jun (REF, KDF) & 12 Jul (DJS).

Chimney Swift

Breeding: Rockfd: 5 birds collecting nest material from dead limbs, 25 Jun (BCW). Downers Grove (Du Page Co): nesting in neighbor's chimney, season (REF, KDF). Des Plaines (Cook Co): 1 or 2 pr "nested" in bathhouse chimney, w/2 yg fledging ~3 Jul (ABA). **MC**: 100, St Clair Co, 3 Jul (KAM); 66, Kankakee, 11 Jul (JBH); 40, EStL, 1 Jul (DMK); 40, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 30, Belleville (St Clair Co), 30 Jun (DMK); 29 (in one chimney), Des Plaines (Cook Co), 12 Jul (ABA); 22, Linc.P, 16 Jul (GAW); 20, Keyesport (Bond Co), 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 8 Jun (DMK); 19, Oak Park (Cook Co), 23 Jul (JSA).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

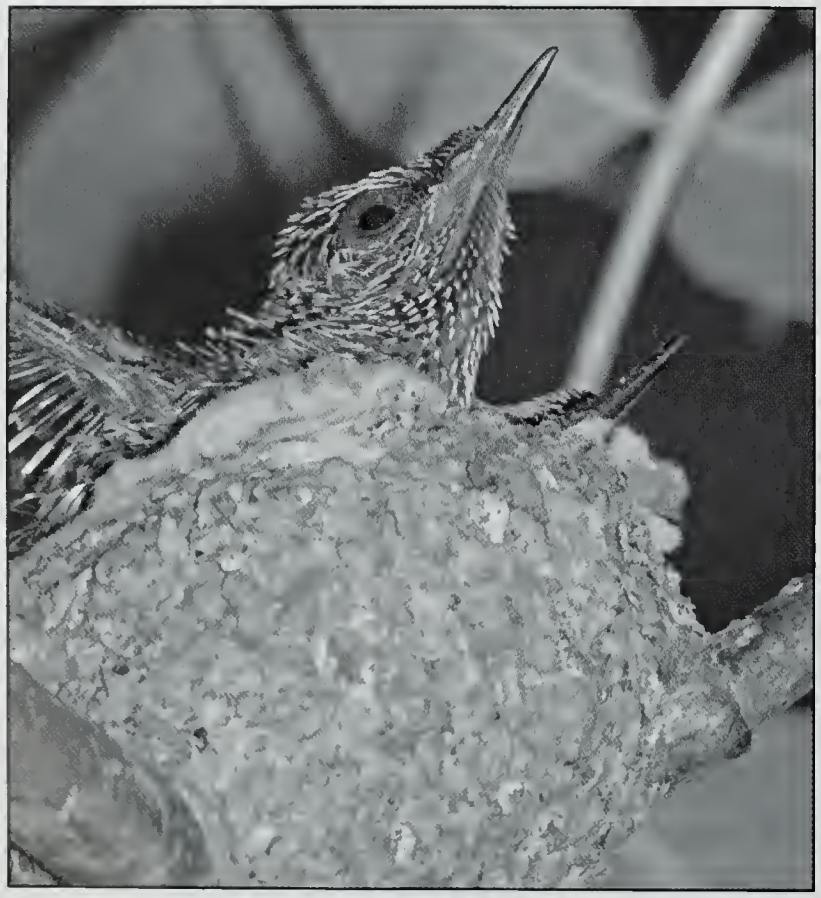
Breeding: Downers Grove (Du Page Co): "breeding" in backyard, season (REF, KDF). River Forest (Cook Co): pr, Jun–4 Aug, w/2 juv, 13 Aug (JSA). Palos: female at nest w/2 yg, 28 Jun (WSS). Palos Hills, Palos: female at nest feeding 3 yg, 30 Jun–8 Jul (PD ph). **MC**: **1500**, Alto Pass (Union Co), 1 Jul–10 Aug (BSt, PS, *fide* VMK); **126** (at backyard feeders), Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co), 29 Jul (C&PD); 88 (banded, incl. 5 returns from previous years), Trail of Tears SF (Union Co), 2-3 Aug (VMK); 86 (banded, incl. 9 returns from previous years), Fayetteville (St Clair Co), 26 Jun (VMK); 86 (banded, incl. 2 returns from previous years), Valmeyer (Monroe Co), 5 Aug (VMK); 80 (banded, incl. 13 returns from previous years), Siloam Spgs SP (Adams Co), 5 Jul (VMK); 64 (banded, incl. 4 returns from previous years), Millstadt (St Clair Co), 5 Aug (VMK); 54 (banded), New Athens (St Clair Co), 14 Jun (VMK); 47 (banded, incl. 12 returns from previous years), Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site (Menard Co), 9 Aug (VMK); 42 (banded), New Athens (St Clair Co), 26 Jul (VMK); 34 (banded), Godfrey (Madison Co), 10 Aug (VMK). **Others**: Rockfd: 2 pr & 5 imm in yard, season (DTW). Mundelein (Lake Co): female/imm, 20 Jul (SDB, SLD). Herrick L FP: 2 on 11 Jun (EES). Burnidge FP (Kane Co): male, 28 Jun (EWW, EES). Plum Crk FP: 2 males, 19 Jun (ABA). Busse F: male, 7 Jun (ABA). Wood Dale Grv: male, 19 Jul (ABA). King's Grv FP, Steger (Cook Co): male, 19 Jun (ABA, DR). Poplar Crk FP: female/juv, 27 Jul (ABA). JP: 3 males, 11 Jun & 27 Jul (PRC). Linc.P: 16 Jul (migrant?) (GAW). Montrose H: 26 Jul (migrant?) (GAW). Iroquois Co: 3 on 14 Jun (GAW). Kankakee: 3 on 22 Jun (JBH). Shoal Crk Twp (Bond Co): 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). Carl.F: 4 on 28 Jun & 4 Jul (DMK). Carl.C: 4 on 12 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co): 4 on 15 Jun (DMK). Pomona: 6 on 7 Jul (KAM). Alto Pass (Union Co): 4 on 23 Jun (KAM). Levee Rd, Union Co: 6 on 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). Mermet L: 4 on 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Notes**: Several observers indicated that numbers were lower than noticed in 2007, incl. "radically down from 2007" in Boone Co (AEB); far fewer birds coming to brother's feeders near Marieta (Fulton Co), w/only occasional birds in garden in Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); but, "more observed this summer in [Cook Co] than ever before" (ABA).

Belted Kingfisher

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: 2 pr w/3 & 2 fledglings, season (PAM). Philip SP: pr w/3 fledglings, season (PAM). Lodge P (Piatt Co): copulating, 15 Apr (CKA). Saline Branch Ditch (Champaign Co): pr at nest burrow, 15 Apr (JOS). **MC**: 5, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 25 Jul (RGB, SNB); 4, Chau, 25 Jul (RGB, SNB); 4, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 4, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 4, Mermet L, 20 Jun & 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 3, Mazonia-Braidwd, 3 Aug (JBH); 3 (2 males, 1 female), Kankakee, 4 Jun (JBH). **Notes**: Unsuccessful breeding season due to long periods of high water along many statewide streams during the breeding season? "No observations in Cook or Du Page Cos all summer" (ABA).

Red-headed Woodpecker

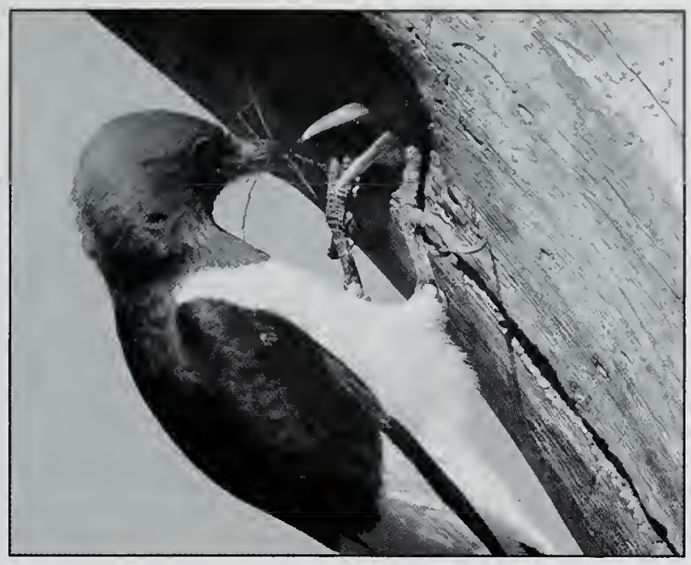
Breeding: Pecatonica (Wbgo Co): 2 ad w/4 yg, 27 Jul (DTW). Highland Park (Lake Co): pr in yard, Jun–Jul, w/2 juv on 2 Aug; eighth consecutive year w/successful breeding here (DRD). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): pr at nest cavity & ad at another nest cavity, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: nest (in hole used earlier by Hairy Woodpecker), 28 Jun (WSS). Beaubien Wds FP, LCal: pr copulating, 12 Jun, then carrying food to nest, 21 Jun (WJM). Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co): ad feeding nestlings dragonflies, etc., 2 Jul (BET). Mazonia-Braidwd: 4 (family w/2 juv), 26 Jul (JBH). Chau: ad w/4 juv, 12 Aug (RGB, SNB). **MC**: 34, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 15, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 14, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 10, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 10, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 8, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3-19 Jul (SDB); 8, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Kankakee R



Ruby-throated Hummingbird at nest. Palos Hills, Cook County. 4 August 2008.

A nestling Ruby-throated Hummingbird awaits food in Palos Hills, Cook County. Paul Dacko took these photos on 4 August 2008. .

SP, 30 May (JBH); 6 ad, Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co), 18 Jul (RLJ); 5 (incl. 3 juv), Mazonia-Braidwd, 1 Aug (JBH); 5 ad, Fulton Co, 23 Jun (LLH); 4, Kankakee, 11 & 18 Jul (JBH); 4, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 4, Walker Twp, 10 Jul (SDB); 4, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 4, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Glacial P (McHenry Co): 6 Jul (CD). McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): pr, 2 Aug (KML). North Unit, IBSP: 13 Jul (DW). Zion (Lake Co): 3 territories, late May–mid-Aug, incl. ad & 2 juv coming to a feeder, 19 Aug (EWW). Wauk.: 22 Jul (BJS). Midfork Sav: 2 on 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH) & 26 Jul (BJS). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Busse F: ad, 29 May (ABA, BD). Nachusa Grs: 17 Jun (ABH). Andover (Henry Co): 3 territories, 1 Jul (SDB). Channahon (Will Co): 3 on 12 Jul (BSm). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 2 territories, 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB). Fairbury ß: 2 on 5 Jun (VMK). Milford ß: 14 Jun (SDB). Kennekuk P: season (MGA). Allerton ß: 2 on 1 Jul (EJC). F Glen Psv: several pr, season (MFC). Camp Pt ß: 2 on 29 May (VMK). Siloam Spgs SP (Adams Co): 2 on 11 Jul (KAM). Honey Bend (Montgomery Co): 11 Jun (RLJ). Dudleyville ß: 3 on 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): 2 on 17 Jun (RLJ). Renault (Monroe Co): 3 ad, 19 Jun (RLJ). St Morgan ß: 7 Jun (KAM). Washington Co: 7 Jul (KAM). Randolph Co: 2 on 14 Jun & 13 Jul (KAM). Jackson Co: 3 on 23 Jun (KAM). Willard (Alexander Co): 4 on 15 Jul (DMK). **NBSO**: JP: 5 Jul (CHg) & 8 Jul (PRC). **Note**: "Not reported at all on 8 of 11 BBS routes" (VMK).



Red-headed Woodpecker feeding young at nest in Will County. Summer 2008. Photo by Brian Tang.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Breeding: Poplar Grove (Boone Co): pr w/fledglings at suet feeder, season (AEB). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): pr bringing food to nest hole, 7 Jun (EWW). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): carrying food for yg, 13 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 28, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 26, Panther Crk SFWA, 19 Jun (KS); 24, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 18, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 18, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 15, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 14, Andover (Henry Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 14, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 14, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 14, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 14, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 13, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 12, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 12, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 10, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 10, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Lost Mound: female, 13 Jun (SDB). Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co): male, 16 Jun (DFS). Pecatonica Twp (Wbgo Co): male drumming on telephone pole, 22 Jun (DTW).

Downy Woodpecker

Breeding: Rockfd: nest building, 24 Apr, & 2+ yg fledging, 12 Jun (EBC); Poplar Grove (Boone Co): pr w/fledglings at suet feeder, season (AEB). JP: yg, 8 Jul (PRC). Busse F: female w/juv, 7 Jun (ABA). Kankakee: 5 (incl. 2 yg), 4 Jun (JBH). L of the Wds FP: copulating, 5 May (CKA). Busey Wds, Urb.: fledgling, 1 Jul (EJC). **MC**: 26, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 20, Walker Twp, 9-18 Jul (SDB); 18, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun (KS); 16, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3-19 Jul (SDB); 11 (incl. pr w/2 juv), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 11, Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 9, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 9, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 8, Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (TVL); 8, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 8, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 7, JP, 8 Jul (PRC); 7, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 7, Monroe Co, 5 Jul (KAM); 6, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 11 Jun (RLJ); 6, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB).

Hairy Woodpecker

Breeding: River Forest (Cook Co): ad pr feeding 2 juv, 24 May–Jun (JSA). Che-che-pin-qua Wds FP (Cook Co): pr feeding 2+ yg at nest hole, 3 Jul (ABA). JP: excavating nest hole, 16 Apr (PRC), & 2 yg at nest hole, 25 May (CBA). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: nest, Apr (WSS), later reused by Red-headed Woodpecker. **MC**: 10, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 4, Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB). **Others**: L Le-Aqua-N: 3 on 26 Jul (CAT). Union Twp (Fulton Co): 3 on 9 Jul (SDB).

Northern Flicker

Breeding: Somme Pr FP (Cook Co): excavating nest, 22 May (DFS). Busey Wds, Urb.: ad at nest, 11 May (EJC). **MC**: 18, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 13, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 11, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 11, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 10, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 10, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 10, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3 Jun–11 Jul (SDB); 9, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 9, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 9, Kankakee, 11 Jul (JBH); 9, Walker Twp, 9-18 Jul (SDB); 8, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 6, Carl.C, 4 & 24 Jul (DMK); 6, Levee Rd, Union Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 5, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW).

Pileated Woodpecker

Breeding: Walker Twp: female w/juv, 9 Jul (SDB). Georgetown (Vmln Co): 4 (family group), 26 May (MFC). **MC**: 6, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 4, Walker Twp, 10-18 Jul (SDB); 4, Pomona, 23 Jun (KAM); 4, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Lost Mound: 2 territories, 13 Jun (SDB). Ldn-Mlr: 3 on 2 Aug (DFS). Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv (Cook Co): male, 24 Jun (DFS). Swallow Cliff Wds: male, 11 Jun (DFS). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: male, 20 Jun (DFS, SF, WSS) & 28 Jun (WSS). Waterfall Glen: 13 Jul (TAM, MFD et al.). Nachusa Grs: 13 Jun (ABH). Momence Twp (Kankakee Co): 7 Jun (RDH). Panther Crk SFWA: 3 on 10-11 Jun (KS). MidFork FP: pr on territory, 10 May (EJC). Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co): 2 on 23 Jun (TVL). Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co): 3 on 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). St Morgan ß: 3 on 7 Jun (KAM). Beaverdam ß: 2 on 11 Jun (VMK). **Note**: "No birds noted in weekly summer censuses all summer at Chau" (RGB, SNB).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Breeding: Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co): female on nest w/second clutch of eggs & 4 fledglings perched on nearby branch begging for food, 19 Jul (EWW). Swallow Cliff Wds: nest building, nearly complete, 11 Jun (DFS). Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv (Cook Co): incubating, 24 Jun (DFS). Hegewisch M, LCal : ad at nest, 10 Jun (WJM, SBB). L of the Wds FP: ad feeding 2 yg, 31 Aug (CKA). **MC**: 43, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 30, Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 20, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 20, Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 19, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3-19 Jul (SDB); 15 males, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 11 Jun (RLJ); 12, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 12, Deer Grv FP (Cook Co), 31 May (BR); 11 (10 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 11, Pembroke Twp, 7 Jun (RDH); 11 (8 males), Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 2 Jul (RLJ); 11 & 10, Richview (Washington Co), 4 Jul & 12 Jun (RLJ); 10, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 10, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 10, Dudleyville ß, 14 jun (DMK, MSS); 9, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 8 (7 singing), Kilbuck Blfs FP (Wbgo Co), 27 Aug (ABA, BD); 8, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 8, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 & 16 Jul (SDB); 8, Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co), 23 Jun (TVL); 8, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 7, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 7, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 7, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 15 Jun (MJW, AC); 7, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 10 Jul (MPW); 7, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 7, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul (RLJ); 7, Renault (Monroe Co), 19 Jun & 15 Jul (RLJ); 6, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 6, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 6, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 6, Pomona, 23 Jun (KAM); 5 males, Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 5, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK). **Other**: Grant P: migrant, 23 Jun (DFS).

Acadian Flycatcher

Breeding: Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co): pr at nest w/3 half-grown nestlings, 10 Aug (SDB, SLD). Green Oaks: ad on nest, 8 Jul (PR, DJM). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): female on nest w/3 hatchlings, 17 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 19 (14 males), Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun & 10 Jul (RLJ); 17 (13 males) & 15 (12 males), Renault (Monroe Co), 15 Jul & 19 Jun (RLJ); 14, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (REF, KDF); 12 (8 males), Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 10 (incl. scolding pr) & 8, Richview (Washington Co), 12 Jun & 4 Jul (RLJ); 8, Orchard Crk (Alexander Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7 males, Green Oaks, 9 Jul (MJB); 7, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 10 Jul (MPW); 6 (4 males), Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 & 16 Jul (SDB); 6, Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell Co), 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA); 6, Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (TVL); 6 males, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 2 Jul (RLJ); 5, Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co), 23 Jun (TVL); 5, Berdan (Greene Co), 22 Jun (MPW); 5, Pomona, 7 Jul (KAM).

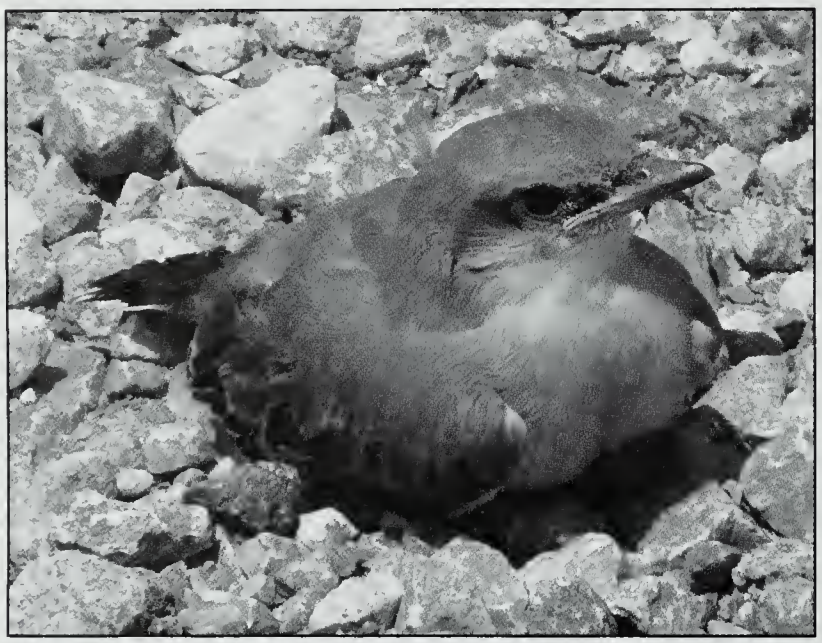
Others: Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co): 2 on 8 Jun (EWW). Rock Cut: male, 8 Jun (EWW). Rockfd: male, 6 Jun–3 Jul (DTW). Ryerson CA (Lake Co): male, 7 Jun (WSG). Captain Daniel Wright Wds FP (Lake Co): male, 11 Jun (BJS). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): 11 Jun (CSF). Russell FP (De Kalb Co): 2 on 20 Jul (GAW). Herrick L FP: 8 Jun (DFS) & 11 Jun (REF, KDF). Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co): 14 Jun (JLS). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): male, 7 Jun (EWW). Momence Wetlands: 3 on 14 Jun (GAW). Illini SP (La Salle Co): 13 Jul (DJS). Funks Grove (McLean Co): 15 Jun (MJW, AC). Merwin NPsv (McLean Co): 1 Jul (MJW). Durham Twp (Hancock Co): 4 (2 males), 3–19 Jul (SDB). Walker Twp: pr & male, 1-18 Jul (SDB). Honey Bend (Montgomery Co): 4 males, 11 Jun (RLJ). Beaverdam ß: 3 on 11 Jun (VMK).

Alder Flycatcher

Campton Hills P, St Charles (Kane Co): male, 27 Jul (CLC). Herrick L FP: late migrant?, 8 Jun (DFS) & 11 Jun (REF, KDF, EES). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): singing male, 16 Jun (CSF). Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co): singing male, 30 Jun–8 Jul (CBT, WSS). Hegewisch M, LCal: 14 Jun (CAT).

Willow Flycatcher

Breeding: Lake Villa (Lake Co): pr feeding 2 fledglings, 6 Aug (RB). Bode L FP (Cook Co): pr, 16 Jun, & ad feeding juv, 26 Jul (ABA). **MC**: 23, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 23 (19 males), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock



Western Kingbird chick at Fountain Creek, Monroe County. 4 July 2008. Photo by Keith McMullen.

Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 12 (9 singing), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 7 Jun (WJM); 9 territories, IBSP, 11-22 Jun (EWW); 8, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 12 Jun (MAM); 7 territories, Spg Blf FP (Lake Co), 11 Jun (EWW); 7 singing, Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 7 (5 singing), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA, JV); 7 (5 singing), Powderhorn L FP, LCal, 11 Jun (WJM); 6, Busse F, 17 Jun (ABA); 6, Nachusa Grs, season (ABH); 5, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 5, Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co), 8 Jun (JSA); 5, Hull (Pike Co), 5 Jun & 15 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Mettawa (Lake Co): 4 males, 27 Jul (SDB, SLD). Campton FP (Kane Co): 2 on 7 & 19 Jun (ABH). Aurora West FP (Kane Co): 2 on 20 Jul (KAM). Songbird Sl: 4 males, 29 May (ABA, RS). Butterfld Crk LWR: 31 Jul (ABA). Plum Crk FP: 3 males, 19 Jun (ABA). Montrose H: 2, season (GAW), apparently no breeding success. JP: pr (breeding?), 8 Jul (PRC). Mazonia-Braidwd: 2 on 24 Jun (JBH). Kankakee: 1-2 on 4-17 Jun (JBH). Pembroke Twp: 3 on 7 Jun (RDH). ICCA: 2 on 20 Jun (JBH). L Decatur dredge ponds: 3 males, 15 Jun (TAM). Guzy Pr: male, 1 Jun (TAM). St Morgan ß: 2 on 7 Jun (KAM). Monroe Co: 3 on 14 Jun (KAM).

Least Flycatcher

Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co): 2 singing (on territory?), 12 Jun (MAM). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: singing male, 21 Jun (ABA). Hegewisch M, LCal: singing male, 10 Jun (WJM, SBB). Beaubien Wds FP, LCal: singing male, 12 Jun (WJM). Kankakee R SP: migrant?, 2 Jun (JBH). Mostly late migrants?

Eastern Phoebe

Breeding: Rockfd: ads feeding yg, 10 Aug (DTW). Mettawa (Lake Co): pr w/2 juv, 27 Jul (SDB, SLD). Ryerson Wds CA (Lake Co): ad on nest w/ eggs, May (SDB, SLD et al.). Busse F: ad nest building, 19 Apr (ABA). Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co): nest w/3 small chicks, 29 May (DFS). Swallow Cliff Wds: 3 nests, incl. second brood raised in nest built over the first nest, thru period (WSS). Kankakee: ad w/nest material, 23 Apr (JBH). MidFork FP: ad on nest, 10 Jun (EJC). Mdwbrk P: ad on nest, 19 Jun (CKA). Saline Branch Ditch (Champaign Co): active nests under bridges, 15 Apr (JOS). F Glen Psv: several nests, season (MFC). **MC**: 6, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 6, Kankakee, 27 May (JBH); 6, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 6, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 5, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT). **Other**: JP: juv, 9 Jul (PRC, DCA).

Great Crested Flycatcher

MC: 19, Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 18, Walker Twp, 9-18 Jul (SDB); 14, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 15 Jun (MJW, AC); 13, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 13, Deer Grv FP (Cook Co), 31 May (BR); 12, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 11, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun (KS); 10, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 10, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 10, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 9, Erin Twp (Stephenson Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 8, Pembroke Twp, 7 Jun (RDH); 8, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 8, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 8, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 7, Busse F, 29 May & 7 Jun (ABA); 7, Midewin Pr, 12 Jul (JAS); 7, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 25 Jun–19 Jul (SDB); 7, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 7, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 6, Herrick L FP, 29 Jun (GAW); 6, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 6, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 6, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 6, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 5, Wood Dale Grv, 14 Jun (ABA); 5, Kankakee, 4 Jun (JBH); 5, Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co), 23 Jun (TVL); 5, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK).

Western Kingbird

Breeding: Monroe Co: 17 Jun–13 Jul, incl. pr at nest w/3 yg, 27 Jun (KAM ph). Fountain Crk Levee Rd, Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co): ad on nest (same nest as preceding record?), 18 Jun (C&PD). Joppa (Massac Co): 30 Jul–7 Aug, incl. pr feeding 2 juv, 31 Jul–1 Aug (FKB); fourth consecutive year breeding at this site. **MC**: 9, Granite City (Madison Co), 16 Jul (FRH).

Eastern Kingbird

Breeding: Rockfd: fledged juvs, 10 Aug (DTW). Wauk.: ad w/3 yg, 5 Aug (JSS). Barrington Hills (Cook Co): pr at nest in cottonwood, 2 Jun (ABA et al.). Paul Douglas FP: feeding yg, 30 Jul (CSF). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: ad feeding juv, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Poplar Crk FP: pr w/juv, 26 Jul (ABA). Salt Crk (Cook Co): nest building, 25 May (DFS). JP: ~5 territories w/some breeding success, season (PRC). La Salle L (La Salle Co): 4 (family), 13 Jul (DJS). Heidecke L (Grundy Co): nest building, 12 Jun (DFS). Pembroke Twp: nest w/yg, 5 Jul (WJM, WSS). R Bend FP: ad nest building, 4 Jun, then on nest, 21 Jun, & fledgling, 15 Jul (CKA). L of the Wds FP: nest building, 1 Jun; pr feeding 2 fledglings, 11 Aug (CKA). Heron County P (Vmln Co): pr at nest w/4 yg, 6 Jul (CKA). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): ad carrying nest material, 13 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 31, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 30, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 19, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 17, Des Plaines SFWA (Will Co), 27 Jul (DFS); 17, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 16, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 16, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 15 Jun (DMK); 14, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 12, Pembroke Twp, 7 Jun (RDH) & 12 Jun (GAW); 12, ECape Gir., 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 11 & 10, Mazonia-Braidwd, 26 Jul & 3 Jul (JBH); 11, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Goose L Pr, 12 Jun (DFS); 10, Rock Island Co, 16 Jun (DFS); 10, Walker Twp, 1-10 Jul (SDB); 10, EStL, 1 Jul (DMK); 10, HL, 21 Jul (KAM); 9, JP, 10 Aug (PRC); 9, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 8, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 8, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 8, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 6, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 7, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 7, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 7, Stark Co, 30 Jun (DFS); 7, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB).

Loggerhead Shrike

Breeding: Nekoma (Henry Co): ad on nest, 10 May (DJM); likely second nesting there, 24 Jul (KBR). Midewin Pr: 4 (ads w/recently fledged yg), 15 Jul (MAM). PrRdg: ad w/2 juv, 11 Jun (CLH). **MC**: 4 (incl. 2 at Clay Co), Clay, Marion & Jasper Cos, 24 Jul (CLH); 3, PrRdg (Jasper & Marion Cos), 11 & 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 3, Sandridge Rd, Clinton Co, 4-26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Lost Mound (Jo Daviess Co): pr chasing Red-tailed Hawk, 13 Jun (SDB). Midewin Pr: 24 May (JB). Warren Co: 2 on 29 Jun (PR, DJM). College Rd, Clinton Co: 4 Jul (DMK). Marion Co: 1 Jul (CLH). Wayne Co: 30 Jun (CLH). Edwards Co: 2 locations, 2 Jul (CLH). Grand Chain (Pulaski Co): 21 May (SDB) & 15 Jul (DMK). Highway 37, Pulaski Co, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Note**: "Numbers decreasing" in se. IL (CLH).

White-eyed Vireo

Breeding: Plum Crk FP: ad feeding juv, 19 Jun (ABA, DRi). **MC**: 15, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 12, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 12, Larue-Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 12, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 12, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 9, Pomona, 7 Jul (KAM); 9, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK);

8, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 7, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 6 males, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul (RLJ); 6, Orchard Crk (Alexander Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5 males & 3 males, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun & 1 Aug (ABA); 5, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co): 28 Jun (DTW). Rock Cut: 15 Jun (EBC) & 13 Jul (DTW). Sterling (Whiteside Co): male, 7 Jun (EWW). Herrick L FP: 2 on 11 Jun (EES). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Saganashkee Sl, Palos (where rarely found): 3 on 7 Jun (WSS). John J. Duffy Psv, Palos: 2 on 26 Jun (RLS). Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Palos: male, 19 May (ABA) & 7 Jun (WSS). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): 7 Jun (EWW). Mazonia-Braidwd: male, 24 Jun–6 Aug (JBH). Kankakee R SP: 2 Jun (JBH). Evergreen L (McLean Co): 17 Jun (MJW). Pembroke Twp: 12 Jun (GAW). ICCA: 2 on 20 Jun (JBH). Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co): 2 on 23 Jun (TVL). Renault (Monroe Co): 2 males, 19 Jun & 15 Jul (RLJ).

Bell's Vireo.
Carolina Woods, Orland Park, Cook County. 30 June 2008.
Photo by Craig Thayer.

Bell's Vireo

Breeding: Orland Park (Cook Co): ad feeding yg, late Jun–early Jul (WSS). **MC**: 9, Mazonia-Braidwd, 9 Jul (JBH); 4, Midewin Pr, 16 Jul (CBT); 4 males, Benton (Franklin Co), 22 May (SDB, JWW). **Others**: Anna Page P, Rockfd: 1 Jun (DTW). Campton FP (Kane Co): 7 & 19 Jun (ABH). Herrick L FP: 11 Jun (EES). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co): pr, 3 Jun (DRD); 2 males, 3-23 Jun (JAS). Catalina Wds (151st St w. of Harlem Ave) (Cook Co): singing male, 30 Jun–13 Jul (CBT). Hegewisch M, LCal: singing male, 10 May–10 Jun (WJM). Beaubien Wds FP, LCal: singing male, 12 Jun (WJM). Nachusa Grs: 4 males, season (ABH). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): 7 Jun (EWW). Pembroke Twp: 4 on 4 Jul (DFS). ICCA: 2 on 20 Jun (JBH). N. Stark Co: singing male, 30 Jun (DFS). Laura (Peoria Co): 23 Jun (TB). Panther Crk SFWA: 1 Jul (KS). R Bend FP: 2 pr, 19 Jun–2 Aug (CKA, EJC). Kennekuk P: 3 males, season (MGA). EStL: 1 Jul (DMK). Jacksonville (Morgan Co): 2 pr, season (TW). HL: 14 & 20 Jun (KAM). St Clair Co: 17 Jun (KAM). Bond Co: 2 locations, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). Carl.F: 28 Jun & 4 Jul (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: 2 on 17 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co): 2 on 8 Jun (DMK). West Eden (Johnson Co): 3 on 19 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Yellow-throated Vireo

Breeding: Plum Crk F: pr feeding juv, 1 Aug (ABA, DR). Salt Crk Wds: pr feeding 2 newly fledged yg, 9 Aug (DFS). **MC**: 6, Ldn-Mlr, 6 Jun (DFS); 6 (5 males), Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 5, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 16 Jun (DFS); 5, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 5, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 5 (3 males), Union Twp (Fulton Co), 16 Jul (SDB); 5 males, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 19 Jul (SDB); 5 males, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 5, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 4, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 17 Jul (BJS); 4 males, Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 4 males, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 4 males, Renault (Monroe Co), 15 Jul (RLJ). **Others**: Nachusa Grs: 2 males, 17 & 28 Jun (ABH). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): 3 males, 10 Jul (RLJ). Belknap ß: 3 on 12 Jun (VMK).

Blue-headed Vireo

Ldn-Mlr: 2 Aug (DFS); present at this location in previous summers and likely breeds (SDB).

Warbling Vireo

Breeding: Songbird Sl: pr feeding fledgling, 20 Jun (ABA, SS). Bode L FP (Cook Co): pr feeding 1+ juv, 26 Jul (ABA). Plum Crk FP: ad feeding juv, 1 Aug (ABA). Linc.P: ad on nest, 18 Jun (GAW). Mdwbrk P: fledgling, 22 Jul (EJC). **MC**: 34 & 31, Monroe Co, 1 & 5 Jul (KAM); 27, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 22, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 19, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 16 males, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 15 singing, Hegewisch M, LCal, 10 Jun (WJM, SBB); 15 singing, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal, 12 Jun (WJM); 13, Mazonia-Braidwd, 24 Jun (JBH); 11 (9 males), Songbird Sl, 20 Jun (ABA, SS); 11 (10 males), JP, 4 Jun (PRC); 10 singing, Burnham Pr, LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 10, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 9 (7 males), Busse F, 7 Jun (ABA); 9, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 9, Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co), 13 Jun (RLJ); 8, St Clair Co, 4 Jul (KAM); 7 (6 males), Bode L FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun (ABA); 7, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun (KS); 7, HL, 14 & 20 Jun (KAM); 6, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 6, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 6, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 6, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 5, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK).

Red-eyed Vireo

Breeding: Rockfd: pr feeding dogwood berries to cowbird juv, 5 Aug (DTW). Wauk.: ad feeding juv cowbird, 5 Aug (JSS). JP: 3 territories, season (PRC), w/one fledgling, 14 Jul (KMC). Montrose H: feeding yg cowbird, 3 Aug (SGS). **MC**: 27 (25 males), Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 25, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 20, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 20, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 18, Salt Crk Wds, 22 Jun (DFS); 17 males, Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 17 (14 males), Renault (Monroe Co), 19 Jun (RLJ); 16, Deer Grv FP (Cook Co), 31 May (BR); 14 males, Busse F, 7 Jun (ABA); 13, Panther Crk SFWA, 11 Jun (KS); 12, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 12, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11 (8 males), Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 25 Jun–19 Jul (SDB); 11, Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (TVL); 10, Kankakee R SP, 30 May (JBH); 9, Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell Co), 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA); 8, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 30 Jun (MJW, AC); 7, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 7 (6 males), Erin Twp (Stephenson Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 7, Plum Crk FP, 1 Aug (ABA); 7, Kankakee, 4 Jun (JBH); 7, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 5 & 10 Jul (MPW); 7, Berdan (Greene Co), 2 Jul (MPW); 7 males, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 11 Jun (RLJ); 6 males, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 16 Jul (SDB); 6, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 5, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK). **Other**: Grant P: migrant (singing male), 23 Jun (DFS).

Blue Jay

Breeding: Crystal L P, Urb.: ad on nest, 27 Apr (BT, m.ob.). R Bend FP: nest building, 4 Apr (CKA). L of the Wds FP: fledgling, 4 Aug, & family group, 25 Aug (CKA). **MC**: 37, Walker Twp, 10-18 Jul (SDB); 35, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 23, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 19, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 18, Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 18, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 16 Jul (SDB); 17, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 16, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3-19 Jul (SDB); 15, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 14, Deer Grv FP (Cook Co), 31 May (BR); 14, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 10, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 10, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 27 Jun–11 Jul (SDB); 9, Pomona, 23 Jun & 7 Jul (KAM); 9, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 8, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Notes**: Waterfall Glen: "increasing" (REF, KDF). JP: no evidence of summering (PRC).

American Crow

Breeding: Linc.P: 11 (nested on site), 16 Jul (GAW). Grant P: fledgling, 11 Jun (LR). JP: breeding in small numbers (PRC). Urb.: fledglings, 7 Jun (EJC). **MC**: 67, Ogle Co, 14 Jun (DFS); 51, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 48, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 40, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 39, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 36, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 30, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 28, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 25, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 20, Kankakee, 5 Aug (JBH); 17, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 17, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 15, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 14, Mazonia-Braidwd, 1 Jul (JBH); 13, Walker Twp, 10-18 Jul (SDB); 12, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3 Jul (SDB); 12, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 11, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 10, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 10, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 15-30 Jun (DMK, BAH); 10, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Notes**: Waterfall Glen: "very rare" (REF, KDF). "Continued slow increase in Des Plaines [Cook Co] this year" (ABA).

Fish Crow

MC: 57, Willard (Alexander Co), 2 Aug (EWW); 10, Mermet L, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Boaz (Massac Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 8, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 6 & 5, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul & 17 Jun (RLJ); 6, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Pike Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). HL: 3 on 1 Jul (DMK). **Inland reports**: Benton (Franklin Co): 6 on 22 May & 10 on 10 Jun, feeding at garbage dumpsters in town (SDB).

Horned Lark

Breeding: New Philadelphia (McDonough Co): nest, 29 Apr (LLH). Bardolph (McDonough Co): fledgling, 1 May (LLH). **MC**: 72, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 62, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 46, Milford ß, 14 Jun

(SDB); 42, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 41, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 39, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 33, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 30, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 28, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 20, Pembroke Twp, 14 Jun (GAW); 20, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 8 Jun (DMK). **Note**: "Few nests were found this year, and nesting success appeared to be very low" (LLH).

Purple Martin

Breeding: Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co): 18 at martin house, 1 Jun (JSS). Independence Grv FP (Lake Co): 40 at martin box, 1 Jun (JSS). Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co): 7 scouts at martin house, 26 Apr; several females, 30 Jun (ABA). L Arlington, Arlington Heights (Cook Co): 2 martin houses used by 18 pr, w/89 eggs laid & 71 yg, all fledged by 25 Jul (JCB). Montrose H: 13 (nesting on site), 23 Jun (GAW). JP: 36 at martin houses, 4 Jun (PRC). Mahomet (Champaign Co): 60+ in 6 martin boxes, 7 Jun (JC). Mdwbrk P: pr at nest, 22 Jul (EJC). **MC**: 200 (migrants?), Carl.C, 24 & 26 Jul (but only 30 on 14 Jun) (DMK, MSS); 160 (ads & juvs), Urbandale (Alexander Co), 2 Aug (EWW); 77, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 60, Griggsville (Pike Co), 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 58, Union Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 55 (incl. yg), JP, 10 Aug (PRC); 40, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM); 40, ECape Gir., 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 36, JP, as above; 32, Randolph Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 30, Mazonia-Braidwd, 1 Aug (JBH).

Tree Swallow

Breeding: Songbird Sl: 6 pr using nest boxes incl. nest building, 29 May; 23 ad w/13 juv/nestlings, 20 Jun (ABA). Country Club Hills (Cook Co): 6 pr feeding yg at natural cavities, 18 Jun (ABA). Busse F: 10 pr nesting w/6 pr in nest boxes & 4 pr in natural cavities, May–Aug (ABA). Bode L FP (Cook Co): 4 pr (3 in nest boxes & 2 ad w/2 fledged yg), 16 Jun (ABA). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): 8 ad feeding yg at natural cavities, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). JP: one nest hole, 4 Jun, later taken over by starlings (PRC). Victoria (Knox Co): 2 nest boxes (one w/4 yg, one w/4 eggs), 14 Jun (MJB). Kankakee R SP: pr copulating, 2 Jun (JBH). Kankakee: "nesting in prairie nest boxes", 17 Jun (JBH). Mdwbrk P: new nest in nest box, 22 Apr (CKA). St Joseph (Champaign Co): nest w/6 eggs, 14 May (JOS). Champaign Co: ten nests w/48 eggs, nest box trail, 20 May (JOS). Champaign Co (3 locations): 136 fledged yg along nest box trails, season (CKA). Champaign Co: many nests (in 50 bluebird nest boxes), w/104 fledged yg from 151 eggs, season (JOS). R Bend FP: prs on nests in bluebird boxes, 19 Jun (EJC). Homer L FP (Champaign Co): ads on nests, 14 Jun (EJC). Vmln Co: nest w/4 eggs in nest box, 28 Apr (JOS). Vmln Co: many nests (in 122 bluebird nest boxes), w/196 fledged yg from 255 eggs, season (JOS). **MC**: 453 & 256, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT) & 30 Jun (DFS); 200, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 150 (incl. many juvs), Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co), 2 Aug (DTW); 77, Harris Twp (Fulton Co), 23 Jun (LLH); 60, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 53 (ads & juvs at breeding site), Bode L FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (ABA). **Notes**: Five dead adult swallows in three nest boxes, w/one atop new nest, 14 May, and 22 dead adults in nest boxes (without nests) as of 11 Jun, likely due to "starvation/exposure due to cool, wet weather" in Vmln & Champaign Cos (JOS). While checking 172 bluebird nest boxes in Champaign and Vmln Cos, "most losses of swallows were due to competition from House Sparrows and/or House Wrens." (JOS).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Breeding: Busse F: 10 ad & 4 pr using 2 bridges, 7 Jun (ABA). Miner Rd bridge, Des Plaines (Cook Co): "pr nested", Jun–Jul (ABA). Burnham Harbor, Chi: pr carrying nest material to hole in metal clading, 10 Jun (DFS). Montrose H: "nested", season (GAW). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: one nest hole, then later 2 ad w/2 yg, 5 Jul (WSS). L of the Wds FP: nest building in bridge, 5 May (CKA). Homer L FP (Champaign Co): 5 pr at nests, 14 Jun (EJC). **MC**: 150, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 80, Marshall Co, 11 Jul (KAM); 80, Kankakee, 7 Aug (JBH); 80, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 70, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 67, Mazonia-Braidwd, 9 Jul (JBH); 56, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 51, Kankakee, 11 Jul (JBH); 41, Montrose H, 26 Jul (GAW); 29, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 22, JP, 2 Aug (PRC).

Bank Swallow

Breeding: Ne. Boone Co: nesting colony at bridge w/30 ad, 22 May (DFS). Northwestern U campus, Evanston (Cook Co): active colony, 16 Jun (GH). Burnham Harbor, Chi: 2 nests (on underside of fishing platform) & 4 ad, 10 Jun (DFS). JP: 21 at traditional colony site (but nesting success unknown), 22 Jun (PRC). N. Stark Co: 9 nests, 16 ad, 30 Jun (DFS). Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co): 35, nesting under bridge, 21 Jul–5 Aug (JBH). R Bend FP: colony w/46 nest holes w/ads at & entering holes in sand piles, 21 Jun; nesting substrate slumped due to heavy rain & movement by machinery soon afterward (CKA). Randolph Co: nesting colony, see below. **MC**: 520, Elmwood Twp (Peoria Co), 23 Jul (TRE); 400, Randolph Co, 9 Jul (KAM); 360, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 200, Shirland (Wbgo Co), 2 Aug (DTW); 200, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 200, Prairie du Rocher (Randolph Co), 8 Jun (DMK); 150, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 100, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 16 Jun (DFS); 40 (gravel pit colony), se. Knox Co, 17 Jun (MJB). **Others**: Mazonia-Braidwd: 19 on 4 Aug (JBH). Panther Crk SFWA: 15 on 1 Jul (KS). **Note**: Wbgo Co: "I don't know where the Bank Swallows nested, given the fact that the riverbanks were underwater for most of June" (DTW).

Cliff Swallow

Breeding: Galena (Jo Daviess Co): 5 nests, 17 May (EWW). North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co): 16 nests, 9 Jun (EWW). Independence Grv FP (Lake Co): 30 building nests under bridge, 1 Jun (JSS). Northwestern U campus, Evanston (Cook Co): several nest building, 16 Jun (GH). Saganashkee Sl, Palos: 8-9 nests, 7 Jun (SF, WSS). Busse F dam bridge: 6 pr & nests incl. 2 gathering mud, 7 Jun (and present thru 10 Aug) (ABA). Chi (Navy Pier): 4 pr at nests, 25 May (JSA). JP: nesting under bridge w/26 gathering nest material, 25 May, then 24 began nesting elsewhere, 11 Jun, w/16 nests & 4 yg, 4 Jul, but half the nests badly damaged by 24 Jul (PRC). Danada FP (Du Page Co): small colony "nesting" under bridge, 29 Jun (DL). Shadow L (Henry Co): 7 nests, 9 May (EWW). Nachusa Grs: 5 nests (first nesting record for site), 19 May (EWW). Chau: 30 at previous year's nest site under concrete overhang, 9 May; 78 active nests, 17 May; feeding yg, 30 May (RGB, SNB). Bluff City (Schuyler Co): 74 nests, 10 May (EWW). Homer L FP (Champaign Co): only 1 pr at nest where 30 nests in 2007, 14 Jun (EJC). Pike Co: 60 ad w/nests under Interstate 72 bridge, 15 Jul (SDB). Adams Co: 20 ad w/nests under Interstate 172 bridge, 15 Jul (SDB). "Nesting under numerous bridges and overpasses in Lawrence, Wabash & White Cos" (CLH). Carl.C: nesting colony, see below. Randolph Co: nesting colony, see below. McClure (Alexander Co): colony of 125 nest building, 21 May (SDB). **MC**: 325, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 300, Roots (Randolph Co), 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 225, Monroe Co, 27 Jun (KAM); 200, Carl.C, 4-26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 150, St Clair Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 125, Alexander Co, as above; 104, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 100, Union Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 45, H&E sod farm, Momence (Kankakee Co), 5 Jul (WJM et al.); 39, JP, 26 May (PRC). **Others**: Stephenson Co: 15 on 26 Jul (CAT). Starved Rock: ads at dam, 28 Jun (RDH). Putnam Co: 11 Jul (KAM). Stark Co: 18 on 20 Jul (CAT). Waynesville ß: 10 on 24 Jun (VMK). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): 3 on 26 Jun (SDB). Panther Crk SFWA: 3 on 10 Jun (KS). Milford ß: 2 on 14 Jun (SDB). Ross Twp (Vmln Co): 2 on 24 Jun (SDB). Highway 72, Pike Co: 10 on 11 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). Beaucoup ß: 4 on 6 Jun (DMK). Dudleyville ß: 3 on 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). Beaverdam L: 8 on 11 Jun (VMK). **Note**: "Numbers at colonies around Bushnell (McDonough Co) were down, including a big colony down 50-60%, possibly due to cool, wet weather" (LLH).

Barn Swallow

Breeding: Zion (Lake Co): 4 nests w/nestlings, 7 Aug (EWW). Rollins Sav: 4 nestlings, 15 Jun (JSS). Midlothian Mdw FP (Cook Co): 42 active nests (all w/yg) under 3 picnic shelters, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Busse F: 23 ad & 4 nests, 7 Jun, & many ads & juvs later (ABA). Schaumburg (Cook Co): nest on house w/3 yg, 26 Jul (ABA). L Arlington, Arlington Heights (Cook Co): pr at nest w/4 nestlings, 11 Jul (JCB ph). Burnham Harbor, Chi: partially built nest on underside of fishing platform, 10 Jun (DFS). Montrose H: "nested", season (GAW). JP: nests w/yg, season (PRC). Mdwbrk P: pr w/5 yg, 26 Jun, and second brood of 5 yg in same nest, 24 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 185, Monroe Co, 5 Jul (KAM); 121, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 120, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 120, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 85, Rock Island Co, 16 Jun (DFS); 80, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 60, Carl.C, 12 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 58, JP, 22 Jun (PRC); 47, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 44, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 39, Montrose H, 26 Jul (GAW); 37, St Clair Co, 4 Jul (KAM); 36, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 35, Fairbury ß, 5 Jun (VMK); 34, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 33, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 32, JP, 29 May (JBH); 32, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK).

Carolina Chickadee

Breeding: Vmln Co: 4 new nests in nest boxes, 28 Apr, later fledged 8 yg (JOS). **MC**: 10, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 8, Monroe Co, 29 Jun & 5 Jul (KAM). **Other** (periphery of range): Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Black-capped Chickadee

Breeding: Plum Crk FP: 6 family groups, 1 Aug (ABA). Kankakee: ad at natural nest cavity, 16 Apr (JBH). L of the Wds FP: fledglings, 24 Jun (EJC). R Bend FP: ad carrying food to nest hole in stub along river, 20 May (CKA). Lodge P (Piatt Co): pr investigating nest cavities, 15 Apr (CKA). East Nelson Twp (Moultrie Co): 6 (fledged family), 25 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 46, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 38, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 25, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 18 (5 groups w/2 families of 4), Bode L FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (ABA); 17, Panther Crk SFWA, 11 Jun (KS, TW); 14, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 14, Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (TVL); 14, Walker Twp, 10-18 Jul (SDB). **Note**: "Increasing in Champaign

Co" (EJC), where both chickadee species occur only in small numbers, w/ Carolina usually the most common (SDB).

Tufted Titmouse

Breeding: R Bend FP: fledglings, 2 Aug (EJC). **MC**: 43, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 41, Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 27, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 24, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 22, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 21 & 18, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun & 10 Jul (RLJ); 21, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 19, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun (KS); 18, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 11 Jun (RLJ); 15, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 14, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 14, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 14, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 13, Berdan (Greene Co), 2 Jul (MPW); 12 & 10, Renault (Monroe Co), 15 Jul & 19 Jun (RLJ); 12 & 9, Richview (Washington Co), 4 Jul & 12 Jun (RLJ); 12, Orchard Crk (Alexander Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 11, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 2 Jul (RLJ); 10, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 10, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9 (incl. 2 family groups), Kilbuck Blfs FP (Wbgo Co), 27 Aug (ABA, BD); 9, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 8, Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (TVL). **Others**: Campton FP (Kane Co): 19 Jun (ABH). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Nachusa Grs: season (ABH). Stark Co: 4 on 20 Jul (CAT). Pembroke Twp: 6 on 12 Jun (GAW). Kankakee R SP: 5 on 30 May (JBH). ICCA: 5 on 20 Jun (JBH).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Mundelein (Lake Co): 2 at feeders, 25 Jul (SDB). Downers Grove (Du Page Co): backyard, 15 Jul (REF, KDF). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): 2 locations, 16 Jun (CSF). **Note**: Many other late-lingering birds noted in the Chi area. Likely several early breeding attempts, especially in ne. IL this summer after the exceptionally large winter invasion (SDB).

White-breasted Nuthatch

Breeding: Erin Twp (Stephenson Co): ad carrying food, 19 Jun (SDB). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): ad carrying nest material, 16 Apr (CSF). Plum Crk FP: family groups of 4 (2 juv) & 3 (1 juv), 1 Aug (ABA, DR). Che-che-pin-qua Wds FP (Cook Co): pr feeding 2 juv, 3 Jul (ABA). **MC**: 28, Walker Twp, 9-18 Jul (SDB); 19, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 18, Panther Crk SFWA, 11 Jun (KS, TW); 15, Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 14, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 16 Jul (SDB); 13, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 12, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 11, Plum Crk FP, 1 Aug (ABA, DR); 11, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3–19 Jul (SDB); 8, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 8, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 8, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 8, Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (TVL); 8, Berdan (Greene Co), 22 Jun (MPW); 6, Kankakee, 11 Jul (JBH); 6, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK). **Others**: JP: 2 on 13-27 Jul (PRC).

Brown Creeper

Ldn-Mlr: 1 on 2 Aug, 3 on 14 Aug (DFS). Palos: singing male, 18 Jun (DFS). Momence Twp (Kankakee Co): 7 Jun (RDH).

Carolina Wren

Breeding: Spfld: pr feeding yg, Apr; ad on nest w/3 eggs in hanging flower basket, 14 May (RLJ). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: carrying nest material, 23 Mar (AAA). L of the Wds FP: fledgling, 25 Aug (CKA). HL: nest w/yg, 12 May (EWW). Mode (Shelby Co): ad feeding yg, 24 Apr (KAF). **MC**: 36, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 23, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 17, Monroe Co, 5 Jul (KAM); 16, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 13, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 12, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 11, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul (RLJ); 10, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 9, Panther Crk SFWA, 11 Jun (KS, TW); 9, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 9, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 8, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 8, Renault (Monroe Co), 19 Jun & 15 Jul (RLJ); 7, Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co), 23 Jun (TVL). **Others**: Paul Douglas FP: 1 Aug (CSF). Lemont (Cook Co): 14 Jun (CAT). Sterling (Whiteside Co): 2 on 7 Jun (EWW). JP: male, 25 Jun, then second bird, 13 Jul–season (PRC). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): 2 on 7 Jun (EWW). Mazonia-Braidwd: 3 on 31 Jul (JBH). Kankakee: 4 on 11 Jul (JBH). Walker Twp: 4 (3 males), 1-10 Jul (SDB).

BEWICK'S WREN

Breeding: Siloam Spgs SP (Adams Co): pr at usual nest site, 7 May (SDB) & w/2-3 half-grown yg, 24 May (EWW); pr still present 11 Jul (KAM, DMK) & 12 Jul (CAT, TLK).

House Wren

Breeding: Rockfd: yg fledged from nest, 10 Aug (DTW). Mundelein (Lake Co): nest w/eggs, 20 Jul; pr feeding several nestlings (second brood), 8 Aug, & 3+ yg fledging, 16 Aug (SDB, SLD). Mettawa (Lake Co): pr w/1 yg, 27 Jul (SDB, SLD). Wood Dale Grv: ad taking food into nest box & pr feeding fledgling, 19 Jul (ABA). Palatine (Cook Co): ad feeding 5 fledglings, 4 Aug (CSF). Bode L FP (Cook Co): ad feeding nestling, 26 Jul (ABA). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: nest w/yg, 11 Jun (DFS). Champaign Co (2 locations): 22 fledged yg along nest box trails, season (CKA). Champaign Co: many nests in 50 bluebird boxes, incl. 19 yg fledged from 20 eggs, season (JOS). Urb.: nest building, 22 May (EJC). Vmln Co: many nests in 122 bluebird boxes, incl. 116 yg fledged from 134 eggs, season (JOS). **MC**: 83 (82 males) & 80 (77 males), Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB); 75, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 47, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 42 (41 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 36 (26 males), Plum Crk FP, 1 Aug (ABA); 35, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 33, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 30, Rock Island Co, 16 Jun (DFS); 30, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 29, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 27, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 25, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 21, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 21 (20 males), Erin Twp (Stephenson Co), 19 Jun (SDB); 21, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 19 (18 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 19, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 17 (15 males), Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 16, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 16, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 16, Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co), 23 Jun (TVL); 15 singing, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal, 12 Jun (WJM); 14, Mazonia-Braidwd, 24 Jul (JBH); 14, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 13, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 12, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 12 (11 males), Bode L FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun (ABA); 12, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 11, Momence Wetlands, 12 Jun (GAW); 10, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK). **Others**: JP: 6 (incl. 5 males w/territories), 4 & 8 Jul, but no yg noted (PRC). **Note**: L of the Wds FP: "strangely, nest boxes which had fledged 60-70 yg in past years fledged no yg this year" (CKA).

Sedge Wren

Breeding: Yghusband Pr: pr & other ad both feeding yg, 9 Aug (ABA). Goose L Pr: ad carrying nest material, 2 Aug (GDh). L of the Wds FP: nest building, 28 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 24 males, John J. Duffy Psv, Palos, 18-24 Jul (RLS); 21 males, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 17 Jul (SDB); 13, Kankakee, 5 Aug (and 1-10 there, 27 Jun–12 Aug) (JBH); 12, Goose L Pr, 2 Aug (GDh); 9, Dixon Twp (Lee Co), 5-11 Jun (BR); 8, Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co), 26 Jul (but only 1 male, 18 Jun) (EWW); 8, Rollins Sav, 3 Jul (JSS); 8 (5 males), Yghusband Pr, 9 Aug (ABA); 6, Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co), 2 Aug (DTW); 6, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 5, Shirland (Wbgo Co), 17 Jun–26 Jul (DTW). **Others**: Wbgo (Wbgo Co): 4 on 2 Aug (DTW). Poplar Grove Twp (Boone Co): 2 males, 18 Jun (SDB). Sun Lake FP (Lake Co): 4 on 5 Jul (JSS). Nelson L Psv: 3 on 27 Jul (GAW). Campton FP (Kane Co): 19 Jun (ABH). Aurora West FP (Kane Co): 2 on 20 Jul (KAM). Herrick L FP: 4 on 11 Jun (EES). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Paul Douglas FP: 3, Jun (SWS). Nachusa Grs: male, Jun (ABH). Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co): 3 on 12 Jul (DJS). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): 3 males, 9 Jul (SDB). Laura (Peoria Co): 23 Jun & 7 Jul (TB). ICCA: 20 Jun (JBH). Kennekuk P: male, Jun (MGA). F Glen Psv: 3 pr, Jul–Aug (MFC). Piatt Co (MOON): 4 on 24 Jul (TB).

Marsh Wren

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: 110 pr w/239 yg + 81 other males, season (PAM). Midfork Sav: empty nest, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). **MC**: **540**, Pratts Wayne Wds, as above; 12, Spg Blf FP (Lake Co), 11 Jun (and 8 there, 13 Jul) (EWW); 12 males, Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 12 singing, Hegewisch M, LCal, 10 Jun (WJM); 11, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 11, Goose L Pr, 4 & 5 Jul (BR); 10, Carson Sl (Kane Co), 27 Jul (GAW); 7, Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co), 21 Jun (EWW). **Others**: Stephenson Co: 26 Jul (CAT). Nygren Wetland Psv (Wbgo Co): 3 on 5 Jul (DTW). McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): 4 on 7 Jul (BJS). Rollins Sav: 4 on Jul (JSS). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Songbird Sl: 4 males on 29 May & 20 Jun (ABA, SS). Bode L FP (Cook Co): 6 males, 16 Jun (ABA). Busse F: 3 males at usual nesting locale, 17 May (ABA). Paul Douglas FP: 3 males, 18 May (ABA). Whalon L FP (Will Co): 2 on 13 Jul (TAM, MFD, BAH). Green R CA (Lee Co): male, 8 Jul (EWW). **Carl.F**: 2 on 12 Jul; 1 on 26 Jul (DMK ph, MSS).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Breeding: Herrick L FP: ads w/begging yg, 29 Jun (GAW). Wood Dale Grv: ad feeding juv cowbird, 17 Jul (ABA). Bode L FP (Cook Co): 2 ad feeding 2 young fledglings, 26 Jul (ABA). Plum Crk FP: family of 3 & pr feeding juv, 19 Jun (ABA). Busse F: pr feeding 2 juv, 10 Aug (ABA). JP: 6 (family group), 10 Aug (PRC). L of the Wds FP: pr building nest, 21 May (CKA). F Glen Psv: nest, 28 May (MFC). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): pr & ad feeding yg, 13 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 22, Panther Crk SFWA, 6 Jun–1 Jul (KS); 21, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 18, Bode L FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (ABA); 15, Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 13, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 25 Jun–19 Jul (SDB); 12, Pomona, 8 Jul (KAM); 11, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 11, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 30 Jun (MJW, AC); 9, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 9, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 9, Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co), 26 Jun (TVL); 9, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 8, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 8, Carl.F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Mermet L, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 7, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT).

Eastern Bluebird

Breeding: Midewin Pr: pr feeding yg, 24 May (JB et al.). Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co): 2 males & female feeding yg in same nest box!, 12 Jul (DJS). Kankakee: 1-2 pr nesting in boxes, 25 May–25 Jul (JBH). Mdwbrk P: nest, 22 Apr, w/nestlings, 21 May (CKA). L of the Wds FP: nest box w/4 eggs, 11 Aug, & female feeding 2 fledglings, 26 Aug (CKA). Champaign Co (3 locations): 85 fledged yg along nest box trails, season (CKA). Champaign Co: many nests in bluebird boxes, incl. 27 yg fledged from 37 eggs, season (JOS). Vmln Co: 2 nests w/newly hatched yg in nest boxes, 28 Apr (JOS). Vmln Co: many nests in bluebird boxes, incl. 210 yg fledged from 287 eggs, season (JOS). Vmln Co: 899 yg fledged from 427 nest boxes monitored thru season (m.ob., *fide* B&BK). Hull (Pike Co): female carrying food, 5 Jun (SDB). Mode (Shelby Co): ad at nest w/4 eggs, 24 Apr (KAF). **MC**: 20, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 18, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 16, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 16, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 16, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 14, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 13, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 12, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 12, Union Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 10, Carl.C, 24 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). **NBSO**: JP: male, 12 Jul (CHg). **Note**: While checking 122 bluebird nest boxes, "most losses of bluebirds were due to competition from House Sparrows and/or House Wrens." (JOS).

Veery

Breeding: Ldn-Mlr: nest w/3 large yg, 2 Aug (DFS). **MC**: 20, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (REF, KDF); 5, Deer Grv FP (Cook Co), 31 May (BR); 4, Swallow Cliff Wds, 7 Jun (DFS); 4, Green Oaks, 9 Jun (and 2 there, 9 Jul) (MJB). **Others**: IBSP: male present in same area as past summers, 22 Jun (EWW). Palos: 23 Jun (WSS). Kankakee R SP: 2, incl. singing male, 30 May (JBH). Miller-Anderson Wds NPsv (Bureau Co): 17 Jun (DFS). Union Twp (Fulton Co): 16 Jul (SDB). Funks Grove (McLean Co): male, 15 & 22 Jun (MJW, AC).

Wood Thrush

Breeding: Andover (Henry Co): female feeding cowbird fledgling, 1 Jul (SDB). Walker Twp: empty nest, 9 Jul, then female on nest with 2 host eggs & 2 cowbird eggs, 18 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 25 (23 males), Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 15, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 22 Jun (MJW, AC); 13, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 13, Larue-Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 12 males, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 10, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 9, Panther Crk SFWA, 11 & 19 Jun (KS, TW); 9 (8 males) & 8 males, Renault (Monroe Co), 19 Jun & 15 Jul (RLJ); 8, Big Bend SFWA (Whiteside Co), 25 Jul (DFS); 8 (6 males), Andover (Henry Co), 20 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 7, Deer Grv West FP (Cook Co), 28 Jun (GAW); 6 males, Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA); 6, Salt Crk Wds, 22 Jun (DFS); 6, Camp Pt ß, 29 Jun (VMK); 6, Hunter Twp (Edgar Co), 5 Jul (MPW); 6 males, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 2 Jul (RLJ); 6, Orchard Crk (Alexander Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 5, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 4, Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co), 26 Jul (EWW); 4 males, Wood Dale Grv, 14 Jun (ABA); 4 males, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 4, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 4 males, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 25 Jun–19 Jul (SDB); 4 males, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 4, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 4, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK). **Others**: L Le-Aqua-Na: 3 on 26 Jul (CAT). Erin Twp (Stephenson Co): 3 territories, 3 & 19 Jun (SDB). Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co): 2 on 28 Jun (DTW). Rockfd: 3 on 25 Jul (DTW). Rockfd: scolding ad, 10 Aug (DTW). Rock Cut: 3 on 18 Jul (DTW). Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co): 2 on 21 Jun (EWW). Grant Wds FP (Lake Co): 2 males, 25 Jul (BJS). Midfork Sav: male, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Campton FP (Kane Co): 7 & 19 Jun (ABH). Herrick L FP: 2 on 11 Jun (EES). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Busse F: 3 males, 29 May (ABA). Grant P: 2 Jun (first Jun record for Grant P) (DFS). Montrose H: 26 Jul (LGM). Nachusa Grs: male, season (ABH). Mazonia-Braidwd: 3 on 3 Aug (JBH). Kankakee R SP: 2 on 30 May (JBH) & 5 Jul (RDH). Pembroke Twp: 3 on 7 Jun (RDH). Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co): 4 on 26 Jun (TVL). Milford ß: 3 on 14 Jun (SDB). Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co): 23 Jun (TVL). Athens ß: 3 on 27 Jun (VMK). L of the Wds FP: 2, incl. counter-singing, 12 May–4 Aug (CKA). Berdan (Greene Co): 3 on 22 Jun–2 Jul (MPW). Beaucoup ß: 6 Jun (DMK).

American Robin

Breeding: Songbird Sl: nest w/3 nestlings, 29 May (ABA). Palos: nest w/3 large yg, 11 Jun (DFS). JP: breeding w/numerous yg, season (PRC). Beaverville (Iroquois Co): nest w/4 small yg, 3 May (DFS). Bardolph (McDonough Co): 2 nests on ground in a cornfield, w/2 & 3 eggs, 5 May, & Trivoli (Peoria Co): nest on ground (w/much less mud than typical nest) in cornfield w/2 eggs & 2 newly hatched yg, 7 May; first nests on ground found by this observer in more than 60 years of observation (LLH). Allerton P: nest building, 20 Apr & 6 May (CKA). L of the Wds FP: nest w/yg, 13 Jul (CKA). Mdwbrk P: ads on 2 nests in conifers, 30 Apr; nest w/3 yg on a lightbox, 28 May, then nest at same spot (re-used?) w/3 yg, 24 Jul (CKA); nest w/yg nestlings, 19 Aug (EJC). Urb.: female feeding nestling, 19 Aug (RLJ). Georgetown (Vmln Co): nest, 10 Apr (MFC). **MC**: 198, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 150, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 143, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 142, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 135, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 135, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 117, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 103, Waynesville ß, 24 Jun (VMK); 96, Fairbury ß, 5 Jun (VMK); 93, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 92, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 90, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 82, Kankakee, 11 Jul (JBH); 76, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 73, Pontiac ß (Livingston Co), 6 Jun (VMK); 72, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 68, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 68, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 67, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 66, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 60, Carl.C, 24 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 52, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 52, Mazonia-Braidwd, 13 Jul (JBH); 50, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM).

Gray Catbird

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co): pr feeding 2 fledglings in suburban yard, 8 Aug (SDB). Plum Crk FP: ad feeding juv & pr feeding juv, 1 Aug (ABA). Grant P: nest w/3 small yg, 23 Jun; pr w/3 fledglings, 12 Aug, & second pr w/2 fledglings, 13 Aug (DFS). Palos: pr feeding 2 fledglings, 24 Jun (DFS). L of the Wds FP: juv, 12 Aug (CKA). Mdwbrk P: 4 pr w/fledglings, 22 Jul (EJC). **MC**: 52, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 45, Putnam Co, 30 Jun (DFS); 43, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 39 (29 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 38 (34 males), Plum Crk FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 36, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 32, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 26, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 25, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 19, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 16, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 15 (11 males), Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 15, Mazonia-Braidwd, 4 Jul (JBH); 13, JP, 2 Jun (PRC); 13, Kankakee, 18 Jul (JBH); 13, Walker Twp, 9-18 Jul (SDB); 12, Erin Twp (Stephenson Co), 3-19 Jun (SDB); 12, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 10, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3 Jun–11 Jul (SDB); 10, Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 9 males, Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 9, Monroe Co, 5 Jul (KAM); 8 (5 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 8, Panther Crk SFWA, 11 Jun (KS, TW); 7, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 7, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 7, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 27, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 18, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 15, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 12, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 9, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 9, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 8, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 7 (6 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 6, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 6, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 6, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Ldn-Mlr: 14 Jun (DFS). Rosehill Cemetery, Chi, 29 Jun–11 Jul (SGS, JWL). Montrose H: 7 Jun (migrant?) (ABB). Rainbow Beach, Chi: 3 Aug (RLS, GN, JD). Leon Corners (Whiteside Co): 7 Jun (EWW). Bureau Co: 3 on 17 Jun (DFS). Midewin Pr: 2 on 12 Jul (JAS). Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co): 4 ad, 1 Jul (RLJ). L of the Wds FP: juv, 24 Aug (CKA). Urb. (2 locations): 17 Jun (CKA) & 22 Jun (ER).

Brown Thrasher

Breeding: Nachusa Grs: ad carrying food, 14 Jun (REF, KDF); Kankakee: 2 pr, 4 Jun; fledgling, 14 Jun (JBH ph). **MC**: 16, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 12, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 11 (10 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 11, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 10, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 10, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 9, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 8, Kankakee, 22 Jun (JBH); 8, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 8, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 7, Mazonia-Braidwd, 7 Jul (JBH); 7 (6 males), Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co), 13 Jun (RLJ); 7, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 6, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 6, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 5, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 5, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 4 (3 singing), IBSP, 23 Jun (DRD); 4 (3 males), n. of Bartel Gr, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW); 4 males, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 4 males, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 4, Panther Crk SFWA, 19 Jun (KS); 4, Bay City (Pope Co), 15 Jul (DMK).

European Starling

Breeding: Busse F: ad entering cavity & 3 yg juv, 7 Jun (ABA). JP: breeding w/numerous yg, season (PRC). Kankakee: ad carrying food for yg, 27 May; w/yg, 29 May, 14 Jun, 22 Jun (JBH). Champaign Co: nest in bluebird box w/4 eggs, season (JOS). L of the Wds FP: nest building, 30 Apr, & ad carrying food for yg, 24 May & 1 Jun (CKA). Mdwbrk P: fledgling, 10 Jun (CKA). **MC**: 1230, Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 5 Aug (JBH); 750, Big M, LCal, 25 Jul (WJM); 500, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 8 Jun (DMK); 400, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 400, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 400, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 361, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 200, EStL, 1 Jul (DMK); 200, Carl.C, 4-26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 194, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 192, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 185, Mazonia-Braidwd, 27 Jul (JBH); 185, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 149, Pontiac ß (Livingston Co), 6 Jun (VMK); 130, Waynesville ß, 24 Jun (VMK); 121,

Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 120, Kane Co, 27 Jul (GAW); 119, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 107, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK).

American Pipit

NBSO: Rochelle (Ogle Co): **14 Jun** (DJS); latest IL record by ten days.

Cedar Waxwing

Breeding: Busse F: ad on nest in grape vine, 17 Jun (ABA). JP: nest w/1+ hatchling, 8 Jul (PRC). Mazonia-Braidwd: 20 (incl. 1 juv), 1 Aug (JBH). L of the Wds FP pair disassembling a nest (of another species?) and rebuilding elsewhere, 20 Jun, w/ad on 22 Jun, but ad feathers on ground nearby, 29 Jun, & no further nest activity (CKA). **MC**: 59, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 37, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 36, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 31, Kankakee, 29 Jul (JBH); 29, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 26, Plum Crk FP, 1 Aug (ABA); 26, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 24, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 24, Busse F, 10 Aug (ABA); 23, Mazonia-Braidwd, 9 Jul (JBH); 22 (15 ad w/7 imm), Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co), 29 Jul (C&PD); 19, Yghusband Pr, 9 Aug (ABA); 19, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 19, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 16, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 14, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 14, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 13, Bode L FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun (ABA); 13, Montrose H, 3 Jul (GAW); 13, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB). Apparent migrant flocks in n. third of IL into at least the first few days of June.

Blue-winged Warbler

Breeding: see Golden-winged Warbler. **MC**: 30 males, Kennekuk P, season (MGA); 7, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 5 males, four forest preserves in nw. Cook Co, 2-21 Jun (ABA); 5 males, Panther Crk SFWA, 6 Jun–1 Jul (KS); 4, Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 11 Jun (BJS); 4, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS). **Others**: Rock Cut: 2 males, 4 Jun (DTW). Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co): male, 18 Jun (EWW). Herrick L FP: 3 on 11 Jun (EES). Williamsfield (Knox Co): 2 males, 11 Jun; male, 28 Jul (MJB).

Golden-winged Warbler

Breeding: Cherry Hill FP (Cook Co): singing male carrying food to a nest, paired w/female Blue-winged Warbler, 7 & 8 Jun (WSS, WJM, DFS et al.).

Northern Parula

Breeding: Williamsfield (Knox Co): singing male w/female carrying food, 11 Jun (MJB). **MC**: 14, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 11, Panther Crk SFWA, 10 Jun–1 Jul (KS); 8, Pomona, 7 Jul (KAM); 6, Orchard Crk (Alexander Co), 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 5, Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co), 23 Jun (TVL); 5 males, Richview (Washington Co), 12 Jun (RLJ); 4, Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell Co), 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA); 4, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 22 Jun (MJW, AC); 4, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 4, UCCA, 7 Jul (KAM); 4, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 3, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 3 males, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun & 10 Jul (RLJ); 3 males, Renault (Monroe Co), 19 Jun & 15 Jul (RLJ). **Others (n. half of IL)**: ne. of Ridott (Stephenson Co): 8 Jun (EWW). Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co): 8 Jun (EWW). Rock Cut: male, 4 Jun (DTW). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): 2 on 7 Jun (EWW). Princeton (Bureau Co): 8 Jul (EWW). Hennepin L: singing male, 30 Jun (DFS). Illini SP (La Salle Co): 2 on 3 Jun (DFS). Kankakee R SP: 30 May (JBH) & 2 on 5 Jul (RDH). Momence Wetlands: 3 on 14 Jun (GAW). Pembroke Twp: male, 7 Jun (RDH). Lomax Twp (Henderson Co): male, 27 Jun (SDB). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 2 males, 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB). Union Twp (Fulton Co): singing male, 16 Jul (SDB). Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co): 26 Jun (TVL). Durham Twp (Hancock Co): 2 males, 25 Jun (SDB). Walker Twp: singing male, 1-10 Jul (SDB). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): 4 males, 2-17 Jul (SDB). L of the Wds FP: 1 Jul (CKA). Crystal L P, Urb.: 1 Jul (EJC). MidFork FP: 2 on 5 Jul (EJC). Allerton P: singing male, 5 Jul (TAM).

Yellow Warbler

Breeding: Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: male feeding juv & male feeding juv cowbird, 21 Jun (ABA). Bodc L FP (Cook Co): male feeding yg, 16 Jun (ABA). Montrose H: 7, w/several nests, 23 Jun (GAW); pr feeding juv cowbird, 13 Jul (KH ph.). JP: 8 summering males, w/one begging juv, 20 Jul (PRC). O'Brien Lock & Dam, LCal: female building nest, 11 Jun (WJM). Beaubien Wds FP, LCal: pr carrying food for yg, 21 Jun (WJM). R Bend FP: ad w/cowbird fledgling, 29 Jul (EJC). **MC**: 80, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 53, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 37 singing, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal, 12 Jun (WJM); 22 (18 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 19 (18 singing), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 7 Jun (WJM); 18 (17 singing), Powderhorn L FP, LCal, 11 Jun (WJM); 18 (16 singing), Hegewisch M, LCal, 10 Jun (WJM); 16 males, Busse F, 7 & 17 Jun (ABA); 15, Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 24 Jun (BJS); 14 (11 males), JP, 2 Jun (PRC); 11 males, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–2 Jul (SDB); 8, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 8, Carl.F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 7 males, Plum Crk, 19 Jun (ABA); 6 males, Songbird Sl, 20 Jun (ABA, SS); 6, Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co), 8 Jun (JSA); 6, Mazonia-Braidwd, 24 & 29 Jun (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 24 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Mermet L, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Panther Crk SFWA, 6 Jun–1 Jul (KS); 5 males, Kennekuk P, season (MGA).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

MC: 7, Swallow Cliff Wds, 11 Jun (DFS); 3 males, Putnam Co, 27 Jun & 14 Jul (MJB). **Others**: Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co): 2 males, 18 Jun (EWW). IBSP: 22 Jun (EWW). Skokie R NPsv (Lake Co): singing male, 13 Jun (CEG). Ldn-Mlr: 2 on 2 Aug (DFS). Blackwell FP (Du Page Co): 8 Jun (DFS). Herrick L FP: 11 Jun (EES). Waterfall Glen: thru season (REF, KDF). Wood Dale Grv: singing male, 14 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: singing male, 21 Jun (ABA). Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv (Cook Co): female, 28 Jun (WSS). Swallow Cliff Wds: 2 males, all Jun (WSS). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): 7 Jun (EWW). Nachusa Grs: male, 17 Jun (ABH). ICCA: singing male, 20 Jun (JBH).

Cape May Warbler

NBSO: Grant P: singing male, 11 Jun (LR).

Black-throated Green Warbler

Salt Crk Wds: singing male, 22 Jun (DFS). U of IL at Chicago campus, Chi: singing male, 30 Jun (JPL).

Blackburnian Warbler

Ldn-Mlr: 14 Jun (REF, KDF).

Yellow-throated Warbler

Breeding: Chinquapin Blfs NPsv (Woodford Co): ad feeding juv, 6 Sep (MJW). **MC**: 12 & 8, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun & 2 Aug (DFS); 5, IBSP, Jun (EWW); 5, Pomona, 23 Jun (KAM); 4, HLCA, 7 Jul (KAM); 3, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 15 & 22 Jun (MJW, AC); 3, L of the Wds FP, 24 Jun (CKA). **Others**: Sugar River FP (Wbgo Co): 2 on 8 Jun–24 Jul (EWW). Rock Cut: male, 4 Jun (DTW). Distillery CA (Boone Co): 1-15 Jun (*fide* AEB). Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co): male, 23 Jun (JZ). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): male, 7 Jun (EWW). Princeton (Bureau Co): 8 Jul (EWW). Starved Rock: 2 locations, 28 Jun (RDH). W. Grundy Co: 3 Jun (DFS). Kankakee R SP: 5 Jul (RDH). Momence Wetlands: 2 on 14 Jun (GAW). Spoon L (Knox Co): male, 18 Jun & 15 Jul (MJB). Banner M (Fulton Co): male, 22 Jun (DJM). Berdan (Greene Co): 3 on 22 Jun (MPW). Richview (Washington Co): 2 males, 12 Jun (RLJ). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): 2 males, 10 Jul (RLJ).

Pine Warbler

Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co): male, 18 Jun (EWW). McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): 2 males, 7 Jul (BJS). Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co): 3 (2 singing males, 1 female), 21 Jun (DFS); male, 29 May (EWW). Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co): male, 23 Jun (JZ). Waterfall Glen: male on territory, 11 Jul (CAT) & 13 Jul (TAM, MFD et al.). Ldn-Mlr: singing male, 14 Jun, & 2 singing males, 2 Aug (DFS). Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co): 2 males, 22 Jun (DJM). Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co): 3 territories, season (EWW). Pomona: 23 Jun (KAM).

Prairie Warbler

Breeding: Mississippi R Blflands (**Monroe Co**): pr (incl. singing male), 7 Jun, then pr taking food to nest, 12 Jun, then nestlings, 16 Jun, and singing male near empty nest, 18 Jun (C&PD ph). **MC**: **100+** males on territory, Cache R watershed (Union, Johnson & Pulaski Cos), Jun–Jul (JPH et al.); **30 males**, **Kennekuk P**, season (MGA); 7 singing, Hillerman (Massac Co), 21 May–11 Jun (SDB); 4, Wildcat Blf SNA (Johnson Co), 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 4, Union Co, 7 Jul (KAM). **Others**: **Lost Mound**: singing male, 6-13 Jun (DGW, SDB et al.); first summer record for site. Hennepin Twp (**Putnam Co**): singing male, 30 Jun (DFS). F Glen Psv: 3 males on historic territories, 17 May (SDB, SLD).

Cerulean Warbler

Breeding: Ldn-Mlr: nest, 14 Jun (REF, KDF). Hunter Twp (Edgar Co): male feeding fledgling, 10 Jul (MPW). Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co): male w/2 juv, 18 Jun (C&PD). **MC**: 8, Chauncey M NPsv (Lawrence Co), 28 Jun (RES). **Others**: Rock Cut: 2 males, 4 Jun (DTW). Distillery CA (Boone Co): 1-15 Jun (*fide* AEB). Chain-O-Lakes SP (Lake Co): male, 1 & 7 Jun (JSS, BJS). Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co): male, 18 Jun (EWW). Tyler Crk FP (Du Page Co): male, 26 May (BR). Swallow Cliff Wds: singing male, 11 Jun (DFS). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: singing male, 1 May (SF, CBT) thru 4 Jul (REF). Bureau Crk (Bureau Co): singing male, 17 Jun (DFS). Green Oaks: male, 4 Jun–9 Jul (MJB, DJM). Georgetown (Vmln Co): singing male, 18 Jun (MFC). Siloam Spgs SP (Adams Co): 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co): 2 males, Jun–Jul (CLH). Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co): 2 on 16 Jul (TB). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): male, 17 Jun & 10 Jul (RLJ). Renault (Monroe Co): 2 males, 19 Jun (RLJ). Pomona: 2 on 7 Jul (KAM). Cache R SNA (Johnson Co): 15 Jul (DMK).

Swainson's Warbler, south of Thebes in Alexander County. 7 July 2008. The Swainson's Warbler, thought to be extirpated from the state, may still be breeding in Illinois. Photo by Keith McMullen.

Black-and-white Warbler

Downers Grove (Du Page Co): in backyard (migrant?), 15-19 Jul (REF, KDF). Deer Grv West FP (Cook Co): singing male, 28 Jun (GAW). Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co): singing male, 19 Jun (C&PD). Carl.C: singing male, 24 Jul (DMK). Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co): singing male, 2 Jul (CLH). Union Co: pr in chase on territory, 23 Jun (KAM).

American Redstart

Breeding: McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): female feeding yg, 2 Aug (KML). **MC**: 23, Ogle Co, 6 Jun (DFS); 20, Illini SP (La Salle Co), 3 Jun (DFS); 19, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 19 (16 males) & 15, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun & 10 Jul (RLJ); 12, Pomona, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Momence Wetlands, 14 Jun (GAW); 10, Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 7, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 6, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 15 Jun (DMK). **Others**: Ridott (Stephenson Co): male, 8 Jun (EWW). Rock Cut: 3 on 8 Jun (EWW). McHenry Dam (McHeney Co): 2 males, 7 Jul (BJS). IBSP: male, 20 Jul (EWW). Skokie R NPsv (Lake Co): singing 2nd yr male, 13 Jun (CEG). Blackwell FP (Du Page Co): 8 Jun (DFS). Downers Grove (Du Page Co): in backyard, 11 Jun (REF, KDF). N. of Bartel Gr: singing male, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 2 singing males, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). JP: 1st spring male territorial thru 25 Jun (PRC). Andover (Henry Co): 3 males, 1 Jul (SDB). Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co): 3 on 7 Jun (EWW). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): singing male, 26 Jun (SDB). Funks Grove (McLean Co): 15 Jun (MJW, AC). Sgmn Co: 3 Jun (HDB). Jamestown ß: 2 Jun (DMK). Beaucoup ß: 6 Jun (DMK). Carl.F: 2 on 28 Jun (DMK, MSS). Carl.C: 24 Jul (DMK). UCCA: 3 males, 7 Jul (KAM). Randolph Co: 14 Jun (KAM). Cache R SNA (Johnson Co): 4 on 19 Jul (DMK, MSS). Mermet L: 20 Jun (DMK, MSS).

Prothonotary Warbler

Breeding: Les Arends FP (Kane Co): pr at nest cavity, late May (EES) thru 9 Jun (JWL). **JP**: 2 singing males, 4 Jun (CBA, PRC), then ad w/2 fledglings, 4 Jul (ph *fide* KMC); first JP nesting record. Cache R watershed (Union, Johnson & Pulaski Cos): ~ 680 nests monitored this season in a long-term breeding study of this species using nest boxes, incl. ~ 350 pairs of color-banded birds and both a male and female that were at least 8 years old; approximately 1200 nestlings banded in 2008; 110 ad banded as nestlings in previous years recaptured (JPH). **MC**: see above; 16, Carl.F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10, Savanna (Carroll Co), 6 Jul (TB); 10, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 4 Jun (DMK); 10, Mermet L, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 8 males, Chau, 20 Jun (RGB, SNB); 8 (7 males), Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 8, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 6, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 6, HLCA, 7 Jul (KAM); 6, Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Momence Wetlands, 12 Jun (GAW); 4, UCCA, 7 Jul (KAM); 4, Mermet L, 23 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Ne. of Ridott (Stephenson Co): 8 Jun (EWW). Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co): 2 pr, 8 Jun (EWW). Waterfall Glen: "breeding", season (REF, KDF). Momence Twp (Kankakee Co): 7 Jun (RDH). Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co): 23 Jun (TVL). Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co): male still singing on territory, 16 Aug (EWW). Jamestown ß: 2 Jun (DMK). **Note**: Although no adults or young were found dead in nest boxes in late Apr and May in s. IL during the cool, wet spring, ~ 5% of failed early nesting attempts were due to eggs not hatching. Although many pairs still built nests in the boxes during this period, most pairs waited for normal temperatures to return before laying their clutch of eggs (JPH).

Worm-eating Warbler

Breeding: Renault (Monroe Co): 2 fledglings, 15 Jul (RLJ). **MC**: 12 males, Renault (Monroe Co), 19 Jun (RLJ). **Others**: Green Oaks: male, 9 Jun–9 Jul (MJB). Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co): 4 Jul (DMK). Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co): 2 males, 3 & 8 Jul (CLH). Fults & Valmeyer (Monroe Co): males on territory, 25 May (EWW). N. of Rockwood (Monroe Co): male, 4 Jul (EWW). Pomona: 3 on 23 Jun (KAM).

SWAINSON'S WARBLER

Orchard Crk (Alexander Co): 1-2 singing males, 6 Jul–27 Aug (DMK, MSS, KAM ph, REF, m.ob.).

Ovenbird

Breeding: Ldn-Mlr: pr feeding 2 fledglings, 2 Aug (DFS). **MC**: 42, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 24 (22 males), Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 12 males, Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 11, Deer Grv FP (Cook Co), 31 May (BR); 10, Kankakee R SP, 30 May (JBH); 9 & 8 males, Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 2 Jul & 11 Jun (RLJ); 6 males, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 6, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 15 & 22 Jun (MJW, AC); 5, Deer Grv West FP (Cook Co), 28 Jun (GAW). **Others**: Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co): 8 Jun (EWW). Grant Wds FP (Lake Co): 4 males, 24 Jun (BJS). Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co): male, 23 Jun (JZ). Herrick L FP: 29 Jun (GAW). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 3 males, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Busse F: male, 20 Jun (ABA, KG). Kankakee: 1-17 Jun (JBH). Pembroke Twp: 12 Jun (GAW). ICCA: 4 on 20 Jun (JBH); 2 on 14 Jun (GAW). Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell Co): 3 on 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA). Richview (Washington Co): 2 males, 12 Jun (RLJ).

Louisiana Waterthrush

Breeding: McClaughrey Spgs Wds: 2 ad w/2 fledglings, 29 Jun (REF, KDF). Starved Rock: ad w/yg cowbird, 28 Jun (RDH). Honey Bend (Montgomery Co): ad feeding cowbird fledgling, 11 Jun (RLJ). Renault (Monroe Co): unparasitized nest w/3 eggs, 19 Jun, and 2 fledglings, 15 Jul (RLJ). Valmeyer (Monroe Co): female carrying fecal sacs from nest site, 25 May (EWW). **MC**: 7 & 4, Renault (Monroe Co), 15 Jul & 19 Jun (RLJ); 3, Green Oaks, 22 Jun (DJM); 3, Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell Co), 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA). **Others**: Swallow Cliff Wds: singing male, 11 Jun (DFS). Green Oaks: 9 Jun–9 Jul (MJB). Near Spoon L (Knox Co): 18 Jun (MJB). Banner M (Fulton Co): singing male, 31 Jul (KBR). Panther Crk SFWA: 2 territories, 11 Jun (KS). Honey Bend (Montgomery Co): 2 males, 2 Jul (RLJ). Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co): season (CLH). Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co): season (CLH).

Kentucky Warbler

Breeding: Green Oaks: male w/food, 18 Jun (MJB). Walker Twp: excited pr w/fledgling, 18 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 12, Pomona, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7 (5 males), Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 17 Jun (RLJ); 6, Panther Crk SFWA, 6-19 Jun (KS); 6 males & 6 (4 males), Richview (Washington Co), 12 Jun & 4 Jul (RLJ); 6 (5 males), Renault (Monroe Co), 15 Jul (RLJ); 5, Larue-Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co), 23 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Ldn-Mlr: 2 on 2 Aug (DFS). Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co): singing male, 23 Jun–9 Jul (MAM). Swallow Cliff Wds: 3 on 11 Jun (DFS); 2 males, all Jun (WSS); pr defending territory, 29 Jun (REF, KDF). Andover (Henry Co): 3 males, 20 Jun (SDB). Kankakee R SP: 3 on 30 May (JBH). ICCA: 2 on 20 Jun (JBH). Union Twp (Fulton Co): 3 males, 16 Jul (SDB). Durham Twp (Hancock Co): 1 & 2 males, 25 Jun & 19 Jul (SDB). Walker Twp: 4 (2 territories), 10-18 Jul (SDB). Hunter Twp (Edgar Co): 4 on 5 Jul (MPW). Honey Bend (Montgomery Co): 4 males, 2 Jul (RLJ). Valmeyer (Monroe Co): 3 males, 25 May (EWW). Turkey Blfs SFWA (Randolph Co): 3 males, 25 May (EWW).

Connecticut Warbler

NBSO: Grant P: singing male, **24 Jun** (DEW); **record late spring date.**

[MacGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER

Waterfall Glen: singing male, 9-11 Jul (* ph, voice recording, m.ob.); responded to Kentucky Warbler song but not to a MacGillivray's warbler song. If accepted by the IORC, this would be the first summer record and third overall record for the state.]

Common Yellowthroat

Breeding: Mettawa (Lake Co): female carrying fecal sac, 27 Jul (SLD). Yghusband Pr: pr feeding yg, 9 Aug (ABA). Kankakee: 10, w/ad carrying food for yg, 22 Jun (JBH). Mdwbrk P: ad carrying food for yg, 10 & 21 Jun, & ad feeding yg, 28 Aug (CKA). **MC**: 82 (79 males), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 58, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 45, Goose L Pr, 12 Jun & 5 Jul (BR); 45, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 31, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 29 (28 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 20 males, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 18, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 16, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 16, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 16, ICCA,

20 Jun (JBH); 16, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun (KS); 16 males, Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 15, Mcttawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 15, Mazonia-Braidwd, 24 Jun & 4 Jul (JBH); 14, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 14 males, Butterfld Crk LWR, 31 Jul (ABA); 14, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 13 males, Busse F, 17 Jun (ABA); 12 males, Bode L FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun & 26 Jul (ABA); 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 15 Jun (TAM); 12, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 12, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 11, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 10 (9 males), n. of Bartel Gr, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW); 10 males, Hull (Pike Co), 5 Jun (SDB); 10, Carl.C, 4-26 Jul (DMK); 10, Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Others**: JP: 3 territories on 8 Jun, & one thru 29 Jun, but no females or yg noted (PRC).

Hooded Warbler

MC: 4 (3 males on 27 Jun & female on later date), Swallow Cliff Wds, season (WSS); 4 (3 males), Cap Sauers Holdings NPsv (Cook Co), mid-Jun (RLS). **Others**: Rockford Rotary FP (se. Wbgo Co): male, 25 Jun (EBC). Ldn-Mlr: 2 Aug (DFS). Swallow Cliff Wds: pr, 29 Jun (REF, KDF). Herrick L FP: 11 Jun (EES). St James Farm FP, Warrenville (Du Page Co): 13 Jul (JAS et al.). Putnam Co: male, 27 Jun–14 Jul (MJB, DJM). Williamsfield (Knox Co): male, 17-28 Jul (MJB). Bloomington (McLean Co): female, 6 Jun (MJW). Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co): 28 Jun (CLH). Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co): male, 18 & 27 Jun; 2 males, 2 Jul (CLH).

Canada Warbler

Skokie R NPsv (Lake Co): singing male, 13 Jun (CEG). Ldn-Mlr: singing male, 14 Jun (DFS). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): singing male, 11 Jun (CSF).

Yellow-breasted Chat

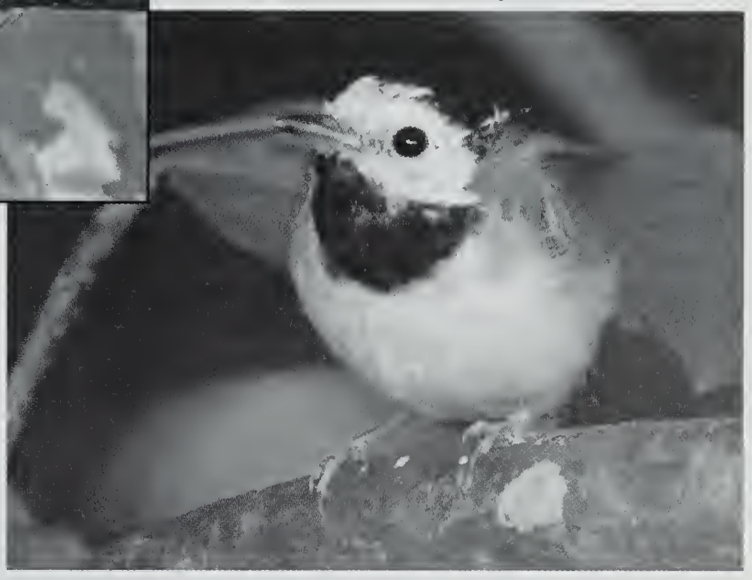
Breeding: Cherry Hill FP (Cook Co): pr carrying food to likely nest site, Jun (WSS). Kennekuk P: 30 nests but only 3 successful, season (MGA). **MC**: 70 (35 pr studied), Kennekuk P, season (MGA); 22, Panther Crk SFWA, 1 Jul (KS); 14 males, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA, DR); 14, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 13, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 10, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 9 (8 males), John J. Duffy Psv, Palos, 26 Jun (RLS); 8, Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 8, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 8, Dogtooth l, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 7, Mazonia-Braidwd, 29 Jun–27 Jul (JBH); 7, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 6 singing, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 3 Jun–early Jul (MAM); 6, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 6 males, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul (RLJ); 6, Turkey Blfs SFWA (Randolph Co), 25 May (EWW); 6, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 5, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 5, Hillerman (Massac Co), 21 May–11 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Lost Mound: male, 13 Jun (SDB). Rock Cut: 4 Jun (DTW) & 15 Jun (EBC). North Unit, IBSP: 4 on 28 Jun (DW, RE). South Unit, IBSP: 23 Jun (DRD). Campton FP (Kane Co): 8 Jun (CM) & 19 Jun (ABH). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Herrick L FP: 4 males, 11 Jun (EES). Deer Grv FP (Cook Co): 2 on 31 May (BR). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: male, 21 Jun (ABA). Plum Crk FP: 2 on 1 Aug (ABA, DR). Nachusa Grs: 2 males, season (ABH). Midewin Pr: 2 on 5 Jul (RDH). Green Oaks: 9 Jun–9 Jul (MJB). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): 2 males, 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB). Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co): 3 on 22 Jun (DJM). Funks Grove (McLean Co): 15 Jun (MJW, AC). Evergreen L (Woodford Co): 27 Jun (MJW). Mackinaw Blfs Corridor (Woodford Co): 2 on 13 Jun (MJW). L of the Wds FP: 3 on 20 Jun (CKA). R Bend FP: 3 males, 19 Jun–29 Jul (EJC). Hull (Pike Co): 3 males, 15 Jul (SDB). Pomona: 4 on 7 Jul (KAM).

Summer Tanager

Breeding: Kankakee R SP: pr at nest, 5 Jul (RDH). Mackinaw Blfs Corridor (Woodford Co): ad male & juv, 8 Aug (MJW). **MC**: 8, Pomona, 7 Jul (KAM); 6, Larue-Pine Hills Ecological Area (Union Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 4, Renault (Monroe Co), 15 Jul (RLJ); 4, Wildcat Blf SNA (Johnson Co), 21 Jun (DKM, BAH); 4, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 4, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 3, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 2-3 males, ICCA, 5 Jul (WJM et al.). **Others**: Lost Mound: 2 males, 13 Jun (SDB). Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation (Kane Co): 2 (incl. 1st yr male), 25 Jun (AN). Waterfall Glen: 1st yr male, 9 Jul (MAM) & 12 Jul (REF, KDF). Swallow Cliff Wds: male, 11 Jun (DFS). McClaughrey Spgs Wds: 20 Jun (DY ph.) & 2 (ad male, 1st yr male), 5 Jul (DFS). Salt Crk Wds: male, 22 Jun (DFS). Starved Rock: 29 Jun (DJS). Pembroke Twp: 3 on 14 Jun (GAW). Nachusa Grs: pr, 31 May; male, 4 Jul (ABH). ICCA: male, 7 Jun (RDH); 1 on 14 Jun (GAW). Starved Rock: 29 Jun (DJS). Merwin NPsv (McLean Co): 1st yr male, 8 Jun (MJW). Rock Spgs CA (Macon Co): 2 on 23 Jun (TVL). F Glen Psv: males at 2 locations, Jun–Jul (MFC). Hunter Twp (Edgar Co): 2 on 10 Jul (MPW). Richview (Washington Co): 2 on 12 Jun & 4 Jul (RLJ). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): 3 on 17 Jun & 10 Jul (RLJ).

Hooded Warbler at Swallow Cliff Forest Preserve, Cook County. 28 June 2008. Photo by Paul Dacko.

Young Hooded Warbler at Pine Hills, Union County. 9 August 2008. Photo by Keith McMullen.



Scarlet Tanager

Breeding: F Glen Psv: pr w/female building nest, 25 May (MFC). **MC**: 20, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 12 (8 males), Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 12 (11 males), Walker Twp, 1-18 Jul (SDB); 11, Deer Grv FP (Cook Co), 31 May (BR); 8, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 8, Salt Crk Wds, 22 Jun (DFS); 8, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 8 (6 males), Honey Bend (Montgomery Co), 2 Jul (RLJ); 5 males, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 5 males, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 25 Jun–3 Jul (SDB); 5, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 9 Jul (SDB); 5, Berdan (Greene Co), 22 Jun (MPW); 5, Pomona, 7 Jul (KAM). **Others**: Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 3 males, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Independence P, Marquette Heights (Tazewell Co): 3 on 26 Jun (TVL). Funks Grove (McLean Co): 3 on 22 Jun (MJW, AC).

Eastern Towhee

Breeding: Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP: male feeding yg, 2 Jun (ABA et al.). **MC**: 27, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 25, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 23, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 22 males, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 22, Palos, 24 Jun (DFS); 17, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 17, Panther Crk SFWA, 1 Jul (KS); 17 (13 males), Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 16, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 15 (12 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA, JV); 12 (9 males), Walker Twp, 9-18 Jul (SDB); 12, Carl.C, 24 & 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 12, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10 (9 males), Greenbush Twp (Warren Co), 26 Jun–16 Jul (SDB); 10, Santa Fe Btms (Clinton Co), 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 10, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 9 & 7, Mazonia-Braidwd, 11 Aug & 13 Jul (JBH); 9 (7 males), Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 25 Jun–19 Jul (SDB); 9, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 8, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 8, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 7 (4 males), Erin Twp (Stephenson Co), 3-19 Jun (SDB); 7 (6 males), Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 7 (5 males), Union Twp (Fulton Co), 16 Jul (SDB); 7, Funks Grove (McLean Co), 15 Jun (MJW, AC); 7, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 7, Monroe Co, 13 Jul (KAM); 6, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 5 males, Country Club Hills (Cook Co), 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW); 5, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 5, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK).

Chipping Sparrow

Breeding: Mundelein (Lake Co): ad feeding juv, 8 Aug (SDB). Kilbuck Blfs FP (Wbgo Co): pr feeding juv, 27 Aug (ABA, BD). Rockfd: pr carrying food, 10 Aug (DTW). Wood Dale Grv: ad feeding juv, 19 Jul (ABA). Des Plaines (Cook Co): pr feeding yg & pr feeding 3 juv, late Jun (ABA). Busse F: ad w/juv, 10 Aug (ABA). JP: pr copulating, 4 Jun (OSM); pr w/1 yg, 5 Jul (KMC). Bode L FP (Cook Co): ad feeding juv cowbird, 26 Jul (ABA). Mazonia-Braidwd: pr copulating, 23 Jul; 2 juv, 26 Jul; ad feeding juv cowbird, 27 Jul (JBH). Kankakee: ad feeding juv, 25 Jun; 2 fledglings, 11 Jul (JBH) (JBH). Spfld: alarmed pr w/fledgling, 2 Sep (RLJ). L of the Wds FP: ad w/begging cowbird fledgling, 13 Jul (CKA). Urb.: 2 pr feeding fledglings, 18-19 Aug (SDB). Mdwbrk P: ad w/cowbird fledgling, 7 Jun

(EJC). **MC**: 56, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 55, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 53, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 41 & 35, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS) & 12 Jun (GAW); 31, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 24, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 24, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 23 & 19, Panther Crk SFWA, 25 May & 10 Jun (TW); 22, Grundy Co, 3 Jun (DFS); 21, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, HLCA, 7 Jul (KAM); 18, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 17, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 15, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 15, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 13, Mazonia-Braidwd, 4 & 26 Jul (JBH); 13, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 12, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 12, Pomona, 23 Jun (KAM).

Clay-colored Sparrow

MC: 12 (incl. 8 males in former Christmas tree farm), Rockton (Wbgo Co), 26 May–5 Jul (DTW). **Others**: Chain-O-Lakes SP (Lake Co): ad, 10 Jun (DRD). LeRoy Oakes FP (Kane Co): singing male, 23-24 Jun (BJS, BA ph). Aurora West FP (Kane Co): 20 Jul (KAM). Waterfall Glen: breeding?, 5 Jun & 4 Jul (REF, KDF). Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co): 2 on territory, 7 Jun (JLS). Poplar Crk FP: pr, 16 Jun (ABA).

Field Sparrow

Breeding: Mettawa (Lake Co): ad feeding juv, 7 Sep (SDB, SLD). Campton Hills P, St Charles (Kane Co): ad feeding yg, 27 Jul (CLC). Paul Douglas FP: ad feeding yg, 30 Jul (CSF). Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co): ads feeding yg, 8 Jul (WSS). Plum Crk FP: ads feeding 4 juv, 1 Aug; ad feeding juv & ad feeding cowbird, 19 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: pr feeding 2 juv, 21 Jun (ABA). N. of Bartel Gr: pr w/fledged yg & ad w/juv, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, WR). Poplar Crk FP: pr feeding yg, 16 Jun (ABA). Country Club Hills (Cook Co): ads feeding yg, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Cherry Hill FP (Cook Co): nest w/4 small yg, 7 Jun (DFS). Matthiesson SP (La Salle Co): 14 fledglings, 29 Jun (DJS). Kankakee: ad carrying food for yg, 9 & 27 Jun; ad feeding yg, 19 Aug (JBH). Mdwbrk P: carrying food for yg, 2 Jun (CKA). R Bend FP: carrying food for yg, 8 Jun & 9 Aug (CKA). **MC**: 101, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 57 (53 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 55 (33 males) & 52 (39 males), Plum Crk FP, 1 Aug & 19 Jun (ABA); 50 males, Kennekuk P, season (MGA); 45 & 31, Panther Crk SFWA, 1 Jul & 11 Jun (KS); 42, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 37 (21 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 25 (14 males), n. of Bartel Gr, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, WR); 23 (20 males), Poplar Crk FP, 16 Jun (ABA); 23, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 22 males, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 21 (18 males), Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA); 20, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 18, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 17, Ondeck's Big Sky Pr (McLean Co), 1 Jun (MJW); 16 (12 males), Bode L FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (ABA); 16, Mazonia-Braidwd, 4 Jul (JBH); 16, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 16, Flint Twp (Pike Co), 2 Jul (MPW); 15, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 14 (11 males), Divide (Jefferson Co), 26 Jun (RLJ); 13 (10 males), King's Grv FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (ABA, DR); 13 (7 males), Country Club Hills (Cook Co), 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW); 12, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 11, Paul Douglas FP, Jun (SWS); 10, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 10, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK).

Vesper Sparrow

Breeding: Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co): ad carrying food for yg, 6 Aug (JBH). **MC**: 38, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 17, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 13, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 11, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 9, Waynesville ß, 24 Jun (VMK); 8 (7 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 8, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 5 males, McHenry Twp (McHenry Co), 17 Jun (SDB); 5, Fairbury ß, 5 Jun (VMK). **Others (n. half of IL)**: Marengo Twp (McHenry Co): 4 males, 18 Jun (SDB). Sw. Cook Co: 2-3, all Jun & Jul (WSS). ICCA: 4 on 20 Jun (JBH). **Others (s. edge of breeding range)**: Martinsville Twp (Clark Co): 2 on 15 Jun (SDB). Mount Erie Twp (Wayne Co): 15 Jul (CLH). Wayne Co: 23 Jun (CLH). Lawrence Co: 4 Jul (CLH).

Lark Sparrow

Breeding: Deer Run FP (Wbgo Co): "lots", w/ad feeding yg, 15 Jun (EBC). Nachusa Grs: ads feeding yg, 14 Jun (REF, KDF). **Dogtooth I**: pr feeding yg, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 13, Mackinaw Blfs Corridor (Woodford Co), 13 Jun (MJW); 11, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS) & 7 Jun (RDH); 9, Big Bend SFWA (Whiteside Co), 25 Jul (DFS); 8 ad, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 7 (4 males), Nachusa Grs, 19 May (EWW); 6 (3 pr), Nachusa Grs, season (ABH); 4, Union Twp (Fulton Co), 16 Jul (SDB); 4, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK). **Others**: Rockton (Wbgo Co): 2 on 5 Jul (DTW). Dixon Twp (Lee Co): 20 Jun (BR). Lee Twp (Fulton Co): 3 on 2 Jul (LLH). Stark Co: 2 on 20 Jul (CAT). Lomax Twp (Henderson Co): 2 in chase, 11 Jul (SDB). Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell Co): 2 on 2 Jul (AC, DEB, LA). ICCA: 2 on 12 Jun (GAW) & 20 Jun (JBH). Ondeck's Big Sky Pr (McLean Co): 1 Jun (MJW). Panther Crk SFWA: 4 on 25 May–11 Jun (KS). Flint Twp (Pike Co): 2 territories, 2 Jul (MPW). Monroe Co: ad, 5 Jul; imm, 13 Jul (KAM). Fort de Chartres State Historic Site (Randolph Co): 13 Jul (DMK, MSS, KAM). **Dogtooth I**: 2-4 on 20 Jun–6 Jul (DMK, MSS). **Pope Co**: ad, 11 Jun (VMK).

Clay-colored Sparrow. Kane County. 8 June 2008. Photo by Bob Andrini.

Grasshopper Sparrow. Nelson Lake, Kane County. 3 June 2008. Photo by Ken Schneider.

Savannah Sparrow

Breeding: Songbird Sl: 2 pr feeding juvs, 20 Jun (ABA). Paul Douglas FP: ad feeding yg, 30 Jul (CSF). Country Club Hills (Cook Co): pr feeding yg, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). **MC**: 20, Rollins Sav, 3 Jul (JSS); 14, Songbird Sl, 20 Jun (ABA); 13, Rollins Sav, 8 Jun (DRD); 11, Paul Douglas FP, 28 Jun (GAW); 7, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES).

Grasshopper Sparrow

Breeding: Lost Mound: female on unparasitized nest w/5 eggs, 13 Jun (SDB). Sauer Pr: nest w/5 eggs, 27 Jun (PAM). Plum Crk FP: unparasitized nest w/4 eggs & pr feeding yg fledglings, 1 Aug (ABA). Poplar Crk FP: ad feeding juv, 26 Jul (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: ad feeding yg, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). **MC**: 56 (43 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 27 (25 males), Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 23, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 21 (16 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 21 (12 males), Poplar Crk FP, 16 Jun (ABA); 17, Mackinaw Blfs Corridor (Woodford Co), 13 Jun (MJW); 16, Nelson L Psv, 2 Jul (EES); 16, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 13, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 12, Goose L Pr, 4 Jul (DJS); 12 males, Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co), 1 Jul (RLJ); 10 (9 males), King's Grv FP (Cook Co), 19 Jun (ABA, DR); 10, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, Paul Douglas FP, Jun (SWS); 9 & 7, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW) & 4 Jul (DFS); 9, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 9, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 8 (6 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA, JV); 8 males, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3-27 Jun (SDB); 8, Ondeck's Big Sky Pr (McLean Co), 1 Jun (MJW); 8, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 7 males, Barrington Hills (Cook Co), 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 7, Panther Crk SFWA, 10 Jun (TW); 6 males, Nachusa Grs, season (ABH); 6, Big Bend SFWA (Whiteside Co), 25 Jul (DFS); 6, Annawan (Henry Co), 7 Jun (EWW); 5, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM). **Others**: Jo Daviess Co: 3 on 23 Jun (RN). Wilson Pr NPsv (Wbgo Co): 3 on 15 Jun (DTW). Sauer Pr: 3 on 3 Jun (DRD). Nelson L Psv: "numerous", 2 Jun (CLC). N. of Bartel Gr: 4 (3 males), 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 2 singing, 6 Jun (DRD). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): 4 males, 9 Jul (SDB). Evergreen L (McLean Co): 4 on 11 Jun (MJW). Watseka (Iroquois Co): 3 on 14 Jun (GAW). Urb.: 4 on 14 Jul (TB). Piatt Co: 3 on 24 Jul (TB). Carl.C: 4 on 4-26 Jul (DMK, MSS). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: 4 on 21 Jun (DMK, BAH). Dogtooth I: 4 on 6 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Henslow's Sparrow

Breeding: Poplar Crk FP: juv, 26 Jul (ABA). Kankakee: 4 (family group; first breeding confirmation for site), 29 Jul (JBH). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): ad w/fledgling, 17 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 89, PrRdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 71, Paul Douglas FP, Jun (SWS); 57, PrRdg (Marion Co), 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 33 (32 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 29 (25 males), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 21, Rollins Sav, 3 Jul (JSS); 14, Nelson L Psv, 2 Jul (EES); 12 & 10, Jo Daviess Co (MOON), 23 Jun (RN) & 22 Jul (JHo); 10 (9 males), Poplar Crk FP, 26 Jul (ABA); 10, Goose L Pr, 12 Jun & 5 Jul (BR); 10, Ondeck's Big Sky Pr (McLean Co), 1 Jun (MJW); 8, LeRoy Oakes FP (Kane Co), 8 Jun (CM); 8 (7 males), Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 8 (7 males), n. of Bartel Gr, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW); 8, Dixon Twp (Lee Co), 20 Jun (BR); 7, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 7 males (2 in Haines Twp, 5 in Kinmundy Twp), Marion Co, 12 Jun (SDB); 6 (3 males) & 5, Kankakee, 29 Jul & 27 Jun (JBH); 6, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Piatt Co (MOON), 23 Jun & 24 Jul (TB); 5, East Fork Twp (Clinton Co), 27 Jun (DMK). **Others**: Lost Mound: 4 males, 13 Jun (SDB). Anna Page P, Rockfd: 3 on 26 Jul (DTW, BCW, LGB). Rock Cut: 3 on 26 Jun (DTW). Wilson Pr NPsv (Wbgo Co): 2 on 15 Jun (DTW). Blackhawk Spgs FP (Wbgo Co): 25 Jun (EBC). Deer Run FP (Wbgo Co): 4 males, season (EBC). Waterfall Glen: season (REF, KDF). Paul Douglas FP: 28 Jun (GAW). Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co): 5 on 30 Jun–13 Jul (CBT). Yghusband Pr: 4 males, 9 Aug (ABA). Country

Club Hills (Cook Co): 3 males, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co): 3 on 6 Aug (JBH). Pembroke Twp: 7 Jun (JBH) & 15 Jun (RDH). Nachusa Grs: 3 males, season (ABH). Annawan (Henry Co): 7 Jun (EWW). Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co): 12 Jul (DJS). Goose L Pr: 3 males, 13 Jul (TAM, MFD). ICCA: 4 on 12 Jun (GAW). Green Oaks: 2 on 9 Jun; 3 on 9 Jul (MJB). Victoria (Knox Co): 14-26 Jun (MJB). Evergreen L (McLean Co): 3 on 11 Jun (MJW). Panther Crk SFWA: 4 on 10 & 18 Jun (KS, TW). L of the Wds FP: singing male, 4-12 Aug (CKA). Kennekuk P: 3 males, season (MGA). PrRdg (Jasper & Marion Cos): numerous at both sites, season (CLH). East Fork Twp (Clinton Co): 26 Jul (DMK, MSS). W. Wayne Co: 10 on 1 Jul (CLH). Petty Twp (Lawrence Co): 10 on 17 Jul (CLH). Benton (Franklin Co): 2 on 22 May (SDB, JWW). Degognia (Jackson Co): 3 on 4 Jul (EWW). E. Massac Co: 3 on 11 Jun (SDB). Cretaceous Hills NPsv (Pope Co): 4 on 15 Jul (DMK).

Henslow's Sparrow. Nelson Lake, Kane County. 4 June 2008. As of this writing, this species was on the state-threatened list. Photo by Ken Schneider.

Blue Grosbeak. LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve, Kane County. 12 June 2008. Photo by Chris Madsen.

Song Sparrow

Breeding: Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co): ads feeding yg, 3 Aug (JSS). Rollins Sav: ad w/cowbird yg, 3 Jul (JSS). Midfork Sav: ad feeding 2 cowbirds, 10 Jul (BJS). Salt Crk P FP (Du Page Co): pr feeding juv cowbird, 17 Jul (ABA). Paul Douglas FP: ad feeding yg, 30 Jul (CSF). Busse F: ad feeding juv cowbird, 7 Jun (ABA). Butterfld Crk LWR: ad feeding juv cowbird, 31 Jul (ABA). Midlothian Reservoir FP (Cook Co): ad feeding juv cowbird, 18 Jun (ABA). JP: ~7 territories, season; first yg noted 24 Jul (PRC). Kankakee: carrying nest material, 3 Apr; ad carrying food, 28 May, 17 Jun & 24 Aug; 2 yg, 14 Jun; ad feeding fledgling, 22 Jun; ad w/yg 28 Jun (JBH). Mdwbrk P: ad feeding cowbird, 13 Jun; ad carrying food for yg, 7 Aug (CKA). Homer (Vmln Co): nest w/4 yg in tomato plant in garden, 20 Aug, fledged 4 yg, ~ 27 Aug (JOS). **MC**: 67, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 48 (42 males), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 47, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 41, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 39, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 38 (26 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 38, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 36, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 35 (33 males), Bode L FP (Cook Co), 16 Jun (ABA); 32, Herrick L FP, 8 Jun (DFS); 31 (28 males), Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 7 Jun (WJM); 30 (28 males), Songbird Sl, 20 Jun (ABA); 28 (26 males), Poplar Crk FP, 16 Jun (ABA); 27, Stephenson Co, 26 Jul (CAT); 27 (17 males), Busse F, 7 Jun (ABA); 26, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 24 (22 males) & 16 males, Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun & 1 Aug (ABA); 22, L Decatur dredge ponds, 15 Jun (TAM); 21, Pembroke Twp & Momence Wetlands, 12 Jun (GAW); 20, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 18, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 17, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 16, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 16, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 15, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK).

Swamp Sparrow

Breeding: Pratts Wayne Wds: 41 pr w/93 fledglings + 39 other males, season (PAM). Paul Douglas FP: ad feeding yg, 30 Jul (CSF). **MC**: **214**, Pratts Wayne Wds, as above; 11 (8 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA); 6 males, Burnham Pr, LCal, 14 Jun (WJM); 5, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 19 Jul (EWW); 5 males, Bode L FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (ABA); 5 males, Powderhorn L FP, LCal, 11 Jun (WJM); 5, Goose L Pr, 12 Jun & 5 Jul (BR). **Others**: Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Wbgo Co): 2 on 22 Jun (DTW). Nygren Wetland Psv (Wbgo Co): 3 on 5 Jul (DTW). Shirland (Wbgo Co): 2 on 13-26 Jul (DTW). McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): 4 on 7 Jul (BJS). Spg Blf FP (Lake Co): 2 on 11 Jun–11 Jul (EWW). Wadsworh Wetlands (Lake Co): 2 on 21 Jun (EWW). Green R CA (Lee Co): 2 on 8 Jul (EWW). Afton FP (De Kalb Co): 13 Jul (DJS).

White-throated Sparrow

Soldier Field, Chi: 23-26 Jun (DEW). Grant P: 4 on 26 Jun (DFS). Linc.P: juv, 6 Aug (GN). Kankakee yard: 26 May–23 Jun (JBH). O'Fallon residence (St Clair Co): 2 Jun (KAM).

White-crowned Sparrow

Grant P: male, 11 Jun (LR) & 24 Jun (DFS).

Northern Cardinal

Breeding: Mundelein yard (Lake Co): recently fledged yg begging for food & ad feeding yg, 20 Jul–Aug (SDB). Poplar Crk FP: pr feeding juv cowbird, 16 Jun (ABA). Des Plaines (Cook Co): pr feeding 3 juv, 29 Aug–1 Sep (ABA). Wicker Park, Chi: ads feeding large yg, 23 Aug (ND). Urb.: pr feeding fledgling cardinal & cowbird, 18 Jun (EJC). R Bend FP: nest building, 21 Jun (CKA). L of the Wds FP: ad courtship behavior & a juv, 11 Aug; ad carrying food, 26 Aug (CKA). Champaign (Champaign Co): pr feeding 2 fledglings, 15 Sep (CKA). Mdwbrk P: ad feeding yg, 15 Aug (CKA). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): carrying food for yg, 13 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 41, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 39, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 38, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 38, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 37, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 34 (27 males), Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun–1 Jul (SDB); 34, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 34, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 33 (32 males) & 24 (23 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun & 1 Aug (ABA); 33, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 32, Pulaski ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 31, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 29, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 29, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 27 & 26, Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul & 17 Jun (RLJ); 27, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 26, Walker Twp, 10-18 Jul (SDB); 26, Panther Crk SFWA, 1 Jul (KS); 25, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 24, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 23 (15 males), Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3-19 Jul (SDB); 22, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 22, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 22, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 20, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Breeding: McHenry Dam (McHenry Co): female feeding fledgling, 2 Aug (KML). Plum Crk FP: female feeding yg, 19 Jun (ABA). R Bend FP: nest building, 20 May (CKA). **MC**: 16, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 14, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 13, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 11 males, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–2 Jul (SDB); 10, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 10 territories, R Bend FP, 19 Jun (EJC); 9 (6 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 8 (7 males), Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 7 (5 males), Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB); 7, Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 25 Jun–19 Jul (SDB); 7, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 6, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 5, L Le-Aqua-Na, 26 Jul (CAT); 5 (3 males), Erin Twp (Stephenson Co), 3-19 Jun (SDB); 5, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 5 males, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 27 Jun–11 Jul (SDB); 5, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK). **Others (n. & central IL)**: Lost Mound: 4 males, 13 Jun (SDB). Erin Twp (Stephenson Co): 5 (3 males), 3 & 19 Jun (SDB). Kinnikinnick Crk CA (Boone Co): 2 territories, 18 Jun (EWW). Campton FP (Kane Co): 3 on 7 & 19 Jun (ABH). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 4 males, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Nachusa Grs: 2 pr, season (ABH). Annawan (Henry Co): pr, 7 Jun (EWW). I&M Canal, La Salle Co: 4 on 29 Jun (DJS). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 4 males, 26 Jun (SDB). Union Twp (Fulton Co): 2 males, 16 Jul (SDB). Ross Twp (Vmln Co): 2 males, 24 Jun (SDB). Panther Crk SFWA: 4 on 11 Jun & 1 Jul (KS). Honey Bend (Montgomery Co): 2 ad, 11 Jun (RLJ). **Others (s. IL)**: Wildcat Hollow SF (Effingham Co): male, 3 Jul (EWW). Oblong Twp (Crawford Co): male, 15 Jun (SDB). Alma Twp (Marion Co): 2 males, 12 Jun (SDB). Olney Twp (Richland Co): pr, 23 Jun (CLH). backyard feeder, Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co): pr, 6 Jun; pr w/juv, 17 Jun; juv, 20 Jun (C&PD). St Morgan ß: 7 Jun (KAM). Beaucoup ß: 6 Jun (DMK). Levee Rd, Monroe Co: 1-4 on 4 Jun–3 Jul (DMK, BAH, KAM). Levee Rd, **Union Co**: 2 on 20 Jun (DMK, MSS). Dixon Spgs SP (**Pope Co**): 15 Jul (DMK).

Blue Grosbeak

Breeding: Annawan (Henry Co): pr (female carrying food to nest), 7 Jun (EWW). L of the Wds FP: male w/3 juv, 24 Aug (CKA). Mississippi R Blflands (Monroe Co): ad male w/juv at backyard fountain, 20 Jul (C&PD). EStL: male w/fecal sac, 17 Aug (MJB). **MC**: 16, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 11, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 10, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 8, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 7, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 6, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 6, Dogtooth I, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 5, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, Midewin Pr, 12 Jul (JAS); 4 & 2 & 2, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS) & 7 Jun (RDH) & 14 Jun (GAW); 4 territories, Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 4, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 4, Benton (Franklin Co), 22 May (SDB, JWW); 4, EStL, 1 Jul (DMK); 4, Carl.F, 4 Jul (DMK); 4, Carl.C, 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 4, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 4, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK). **Others**: North Unit, IBSP: pr, 13 Jul (DW); male, 28 Jun (DW, RE) & 20 Jul (EWW). LeRoy Oakes FP (Kane Co): pr, 10 Jun–3 Aug (BJS, CM ph, BA). Waterfall Glen: male, 11 Jul (SO). JP: male, 27 Jul (GD, SAD); first fall record for JP. Herrick L FP: singing male, 8 Jun (DFS). Midewin Pr: male, 5 Jul (RDH). North Crk Psv (Knox Co): female, 13 Jun; male, 24-25 Jul (MJB). Near Spoon L (Knox Co): pr, 9 Jul

(MJB). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): male, 26 Jun (SDB). Lexington Pr (McLean Co): 6 Jul (MJW). Emiquon Psv: singing male, 31 Jul (KBR). Panther Crk SFWA: 2 on 25 May & 10 Jun (KS). Athens ß: 2 on 27 Jun (VMK). Rossville Junction (Vmln Co): singing male, 28 May–24 Jun (SDB). MidFork FP: male, 10 Jun–25 Aug (EJC). L of the Wds FP: pr, 5 Jul–4 Aug; 2 on 4 Aug–1 Sep (CKA). R Bend FP: singing male, 15 Jul (CKA). Kennekuk P: pr & male, season (MGA). Pike Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Flint Twp (Pike Co): 3 on 12 Jul (MPW). Greenfield (Greene Co): male, 9 Jul (RLJ). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): 2 males, 6 & 13 Jun (RLJ). St Clair Co: 12 Jul (CAT, TLK). Divide (Jefferson Co): 3 males, 26 Jun (RLJ). Beaucoup ß: 2 on 6 Jun (DMK). Randolph Co: 3 on 14 Jun (KAM). Rend L (Jefferson Co): 28 Jul (DMK). Akin (Franklin Co): male, 10 Jun (SDB). Burnt Pr ß: 3 on 10 Jun (VMK). De Soto (Jackson Co): male, 30 May (SDB).

Bobolink with food. Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, DuPage County. 20 June 2008. Photo by Brian Kala.

Indigo Bunting

Breeding: Wood Dale Grv: pr feeding yg, 14 Jun (ABA, SS). Evanston (Cook Co): pr feeding 3 host & 1 cowbird yg, 26 Aug (MMC). Bode L FP (Cook Co): female feeding yg, 2 Jun (ABA). Kankakee: ad feeding fledgling, 24 Aug (JBH). Rice L SFWA (Fulton Co): female carrying food for yg, 24 Aug (JGW ph). East Nelson Twp (Moultrie Co): nest with host egg & cowbird egg, 25 Jun (RLJ). Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co): fledgling, 10 Jul (RLJ). Richview (Washington Co): female on nest w/2 host eggs & 1 cowbird egg, 12 Jun (RLJ). **MC**: 182, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 108, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 80, Kennekuk P, season (MGA); 80, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 79, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 75, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 70, Union Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 69, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 65, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 61, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 56, Putnam Co, 30 Jun (DFS); 50, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 47, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 47, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 46, Panther Crk SFWA, 18 Jun & 1 Jul (KS); 45, Belknap ß, 12 Jun (VMK); 40, Herrick L FP, 8 Jun (DFS); 40, West Eden (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Dogtooth l, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 40, Carl.F, 28 Jun (DMK, MSS); 39, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 38, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 37, Salt Crk Wds, 22 Jun (DFS); 37, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 35, Jackson Co, 23 Jun (KAM); 35, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 31, Ldn-Mlr, 2 Aug (DFS); 30, Simpson (Johnson Co), 15 Jul (DMK); 29 (27 males), Walker Twp, 9-18 Jul (SDB); 27 (26 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 27 (24 males) Andover (Henry Co), 19 Jun & 1 Jul (SDB); 27 (22 males), Fayetteville Twp (St Clair Co), 10 Jul (RLJ); 26, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 26, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 23, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 23, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 22, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 21, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 21 (20 males), Durham Twp (Hancock Co), 3-19 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Lost Mound: 16 (15 males), 13 Jun (SDB); JP: 5 males, 22 Jun (PRC).

Painted Bunting

EStL: unbanded male at usual recent breeding site, 21 Jun–14 Jul (DMK, BAH, m.ob.).

Dickcissel

Breeding: Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co): juvs w/family groups, season (JSA). Northerly Island, Chi: copulating pr, 21 Jun (KKM). Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co): unparasitized nest w/4 eggs, 1 Jul (RLJ). L of the Wds FP: fledglings, 19 Jul (EJC). Mulberry Grove (Fayette Co): pr w/2 fledglings & unparasitized nest w/4 eggs, 7 Jul (RLJ). **MC**: 135, PrRdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 115, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 97, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 96, PrRdg (Marion Co), 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 90, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 71, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 60, Carl.C, 4 Jul (DMK); 60, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 55, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 44, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 42, Panther Crk SFWA, 6 Jun–2 Jul (KS); 38, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 38, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 33, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 32 (29 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 30, Dogtooth l, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 29 (19 males), Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co), 18 Jul (RLJ); 29 (25 males), Hull (Pike Co), 5 Jun (SDB); 29, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 27, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 27, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 26, Seward Blfs FP (Wbgo Co), 28 Jun (EBC); 26, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 25 males, Nelson L Psv, 2 Jun (CLC); 24, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 22, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 21, Alexander Co, 7 Jul (KAM); 20, Saucr Pr, 3 Jul (RM); 20, Granite City (Madison Co), 1 Jul (DMK); 19, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 18, Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co), 8 Jun (JSA); 18, Mackinaw Blfs Corridor (Woodford Co), 13 Jun (MJW); 18, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 17, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 15, Fairbury ß, 5 Jun (VMK). **Others**: L Summerset ß (Stephenson Co): 8 on 22 Jun (DTW). Wilson Pr NPsv (Wbgo Co): 3 on 15 Jun (DTW). Distillery CA (Boone Co): 10 Jun–19 Jul (AEB). Hampshire Twp (Kane Co): 7 singing, 10 Aug (MJH, GBR). Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co): "breeding", season (REF, KDF). Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co): 1-2 males, 3 Jun–9 Jul (MAM). Plum Crk FP: 5 males, 19 Jun (ABA). Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP: 2 males, 2 Jun (ABA et al.). Nachusa Grs: pr & 3 males, season (ABH). Kankakee: 11 on 27 Jun & 11 Jul (JBH). Ondeck's Big Sky Pr (McLean Co): 8 on 1 Jun (MJW). **Notes**: "Normal numbers in Cook and Du Page Cos, but fewer than past 2 summers" (ABA). "Not nearly as common as last year in the Bushnell [McDonough Co] area" (LLH).

Bobolink

Breeding: Poplar Grove Twp (Boone Co): female carrying food, 18 Jun (SDB). Rollins Sav: several carrying food, 15 Jun (JSS). Poplar Crk FP: female feeding yg, 16 Jun; female feeding juv, 26 Jul (ABA). Bode L FP (Cook Co): agitated female & female feeding yg, 16 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: female feeding yg, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). **MC**: 127, Paul Douglas FP, Jun (SWS); 81, Rollins Sav, 10 & 11 Jun (DRD); 50, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 12 Jun (MAM); 24, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 21 (15 males), Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP, 2 Jun (ABA et al.); 35 (23 males), Busse F, 17 May & 17 Jun (ABA); 10 (2 females), Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co), 30 Jun (CBT). **Others**: L Summerset ß (Stephenson Co): 22 Jun (DTW). Rock Cut: 2 on 22 Jun; 1, mid-Jun (MKR, DTW). Poplar Grove Twp (Boone Co): 5 (4 males), 18 Jun (SDB). Sun Lake FP (Lake Co): 8 on 5 Jul (JSS). Campton FP (Kane Co): 5 on 7 & 19 Jun (ABH). Herrick L FP: 11 on 11 Jun (EES). Songbird Sl: 6 (5 males), 29 May (ABA, RS). Miller Mdw, Maywood (Cook Co): 8 on 8 Jun (JSA). Bode L FP (Cook Co): 4 (2 males), 16 Jun (ABA). Plum Crk FP: 3 (2 males), 19 Jun (ABA). King's Grv FP (Cook Co): 19 Jun (ABA, DR). Nachusa Grs: 2 pr & 2 males, season (ABH). Midewin Pr: 5 on 12 Jul (JAS). Goose L Pr: 6 on 5 Jul (BR). Kankakee: 3 (2 males), 27 Jun (JBH). Double T SFWA (Fulton Co): 4 on 7 Jun (AJ); 3 males, 11 Jul (DMK et al.). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 3 (incl. pr), 5-26 Jun (SDB). Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co): female, 2-17 Jul (SDB). Ondeck's Big Sky Pr (McLean Co): 5 on 1 Jun (MJW). Champaign Twp (Champaign Co): 13 Jun (EJC).

Red-winged Blackbird

Breeding: Busse F: 3 nests, 7 Jun (ABA). Yghusband Pr: female feeding yg juv, 9 Aug (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 5 females feeding yg & 1 recently fledged yg, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Plum Crk FP: several females feeding yg, 19 Jun (ABA). Montrose H: 72 w/several nests, 26 Jul (GAW). Linc.P: 18 w/several nests, 18 Jun (GAW). Grant P: 2 nests (1 w/2 eggs, 1 w/3 yg), 30 May (DFS). JP: breeding w/yg, season (PRC). Mdwbrk P: ad carrying food for yg, 14 Aug (CKA). **MC**: 825, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 800, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 445, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 400, Carl.C, 19-26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 334, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 265, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 215, Mazonia-Braidwd, 8 Aug (JBH); 214, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 213, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 209, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 208, Fairbury ß, 5 Jun (VMK); 200, EStL, 1 Jul (DMK); 190, Waynestownß, 24 Jun (VMK); 188, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 185, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 170, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 155, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 146, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 143, Bode L FP (Cook Co), 26 Jul (ABA); 127, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 114, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 109, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 108, Pontiac ß (Livingston Co), 6 Jun (VMK).

Eastern Meadowlark

Breeding: Steward Habitat Area (Lee Co): nest w/5 eggs, 18 May (EWW). Songbird Sl: family of 2 ad & 2 juv, 20 Jun (ABA). Yghusband Pr: family group of 2 ad & 2 juv & family group of 2 ad & 1 juv, 9 Aug (ABA). Kankakee: ad carrying food, 22 Jun; 4 fledglings, 11 Jul (JBH). **MC**: 197, PrRdg, 12 Jun (JWW et al.); 95, PrRdg (Marion Co), 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 73, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 56, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 50, Columbia ß, 8 Jun (KAM); 49, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 44, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 42, Monroe Co, 5 Jul (KAM); 39, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 35, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 34, Paul Douglas FP, Jun (SWS); 27, Panther Crk SFWA, 6 Jun & 2 Jul (KS); 27, Goosc L Pr, 12 Jun & 5 Jul (BR); 24, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 23, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 23, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 23, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 22, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 21 (15 males), Salt Crk Twp (Mason Co), 1 Jul (RLJ); 20, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 19, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 18, Waynesville ß, 24 Jun (VMK); 18, Randolph Co, 14 Jun (KAM); 17, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 16, Fairbury ß, 5 Jun (VMK); 16, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 15, Kankakee, 11 Jul (JBH); 14 (8 males), Songbird Sl, 29 May (ABA). **Note**: "More birds this summer than in past years," possibly due to "less mowing of ditches and later mowing than in past years." (LLH).

Western Meadowlark

Breeding: Sauer Pr: 2 males, 24 Jun (BJS); ad at nest w/food, 27 Jun (PAM). **MC**: 31 (24 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 7 (incl. 3 juv), Kishwaukee (Wbgo/Ogle Co line), 26 Jul (EWW); 7, Sauer Pr, season (DJS); 5, Genoa Twp (De Kalb Co), 19 Jul (KML); 5 territories, ne. Henry Co, 8 Jul (EWW). **Others**: Poplar Grove Twp (Boone Co): 3 males, 18 Jun (SDB). Hampshire Twp (Kane Co): singing male, 10 Aug (MJH, GBR). Nelson L Psv: 2 Jun (CLC). Compton ß (Lee/Ogle Cos): 4 on 14 Jun (DJS). De Kalb Co: 20 Jul (GAW). Earlville (La Salle Co): 4 Jul (DJS). Lomax Twp (Henderson Co): 2 males, 3 Jun (SDB). Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co): 2 Apr–5 Aug (JBH). Pembroke Twp: 14 Jun (GAW). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): 2 males, 4 Jun–9 Jul (SDB). Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co): 3 on 14 Jun (SDB). Panther Crk SFWA: 3 on 6 & 11 Jun (KS). Sandridge Rd, **Clinton Co**: 26 Jul (DMK, MSS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Breeding: Rollins Sav: female w/4 juv, 10 Jul (JSS); Pratts Wayne Wds: 2 pr, 2 ad, 6 fledglings, season (PAM). **MC**: 12, Pratts Wayne Wds, as above; 10 (4 ad males) & 8 (6 males), Rollins Sav, 29 Jun (EWW) & 7 Jun (WSG); 6 (5 males), Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 5 males, Fulton (Whiteside Co), 16 May (EWW) thru 12 Jun (SDB). **Others**: L&D #13 (Whiteside Co): male, 16 Jun (AS). Goose L, ne. of Hebron (McHenry Co): male, 18-28 Jun (EWW). Eggers Grv FP, LCal: 3 singing males, 17 Jun (WJM). Rochelle (Ogle Co): female, 19 May; male, 6-18 Jun (EWW).

Brewer's Blackbird

South Unit, IBSP: 3 on 23 Jun (DRD). Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co): male, 7 Jun (JLS).

Common Grackle

Breeding: Songbird Sl: ad feeding yg, 29 May (ABA, RS). Montrose H: 21 w/several nests, 1 Jul (GAW). Linc.P: 12 w/several nests, 18 Jun (GAW). Maywood (Cook Co): 2 nests w/3 & 4 yg, 12 May (DFS). Mdwbrk P: nest building, 22 Apr; fledgling, 10 Jun; ad feeding yg, 19 Jun (CKA). **MC**: 300, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 3 Jul (DMK); 268, Waynesville ß, 24 Jun (VMK); 233, Pontiac ß (Livingston Co), 6 Jun (VMK); 200, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 200, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 200, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 197, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 165, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 140, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 120, EStL, 1 Jul (DMK); 114, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 108, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 98, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC). **Note**: JP: low breeding population (PRC).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

L&D #18 (Henderson Co): 16 Jul (*MJB).

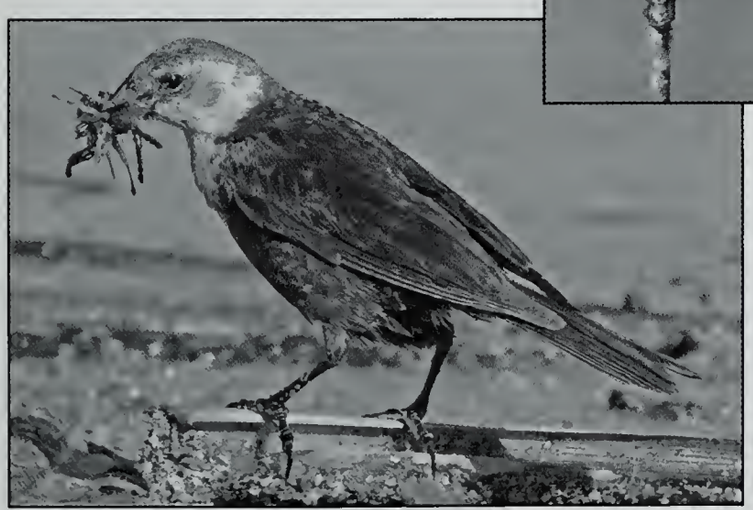
Baltimore Oriole feeding young at nest. Montrose, Cook County. 19 June 2008. Photo by Brian Kala.

Brown-headed Cowbird

Breeding: JP: a few yg beginning 13 Jul (PRC). R Bend FP: many fledglings, 2 Aug (EJC). **MC**: 350, Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 5 Aug (JBH); 232, Kendall Co, 29 Jul (DFS); 142, Rock Island Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 120, Carl.C, 24 Jul (DMK); 50, Pembroke Twp, 12 Jun (GAW); 48, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 46, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 44, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 35 males, Annawan (Henry Co), 8 Jul (EWW); 35 (16 females), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 32, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 29, Pulaski ß, 13 Jun (VMK); 28, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 27, Allerton ß, 1 Jul (EJC); 25, Mazonia-Braidwd, 27 Jul (JBH); 24, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 24, Kankakee, 17 Jun (JBH); 22 (8 females), Walker Twp, 18 Jul (SDB); 21, Athens ß, 27 Jun (VMK); 20 (14 males), Spg Crk Hdwaters FP, 21 Jun (ABA, JV); 20, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 15 Jun (DMK); 20, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 18 (15 males), Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 18, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 18, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK); 16 (13 males), Plum Crk FP, 19 Jun (ABA); 16, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 15, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 15, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK).

Orchard Oriole

Breeding: Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co): female w/2 juv, 3 Aug (JSS). JP: nested successfully for third consecutive year in same tree, w/2 yg; ad male, 13 May; female, 18 May; carrying nest material, 28 May; nestlings visible, 13 Jul; fledging after 16 Jul; pr w/2 grown yg, 2 Aug (PRC, KMC). Nachusa Grs: 2 males, incl. 1st yr male at nest, Jun (ABH). Kankakee: female at nest w/food, 9 Jun; ad carrying food & female w/2 juv, 11 Jul (JBH). Pembroke Twp: nest, 5 Jul (WJM et al.). R Bend FP: female feeding cowbird fledgling, 20 Jul (CKA). L of the Wds FP: female entering nest, 24 May; ad carrying food for yg, 7 & 11 Jul (CKA). **MC**: 38, Monroe Co, 1 Jul (KAM); 28, Panther Crk SFWA, 25 May–1 Jul (KS); 12, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 10 (6 males, 4 females), Kankakee, 1 Jun (JBH); 10, Carl.C, 6 Jul (DMK, MSS); 8, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 12 Jun (MAM); 8, Silver Spgs SP (Kendall Co), 29 Jul (DFS); 8, Pembroke Twp, 7 Jun (RDH); 8 males, Kennekuk P, season (MGA); 7, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 7, Mazonia-Braidwd, 9 Jul (JBH); 7 (incl. 2 1st yr males & female), Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 6, Herrick L FP, 11 Jun (EES); 6, Carl.C, 26 Jul (DMK, MSS); 6, Kell ß, 12 Jun (SDB); 5 males, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 5, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 5 (4 males), Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3 Jun–11 Jul (SDB); 5, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 4, Turtlehead L FP (Cook Co), 30 Jun (CBT); 4 (2 ad & 2 1st yr males), Busse F, 7 & 17 Jun (ABA); 4 males, Ross Twp (Vmln Co), 24 Jun (SDB); 4, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 4, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Seward Blfs FP (Wbgo Co): 2 on 28 Jun (EBC). Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co): male & female, 1 Jun (JSS). Rollins Sav: 3 on 3 Jul (JRS). Waterfall Glen: "breeding", season (REF, KDF). Plum Crk FP: 2 (1 ad, 1 1st yr male), 19 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: 1st yr male, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). N. of Bartel Gr: ad male, 18 Jun (ABA, JP, RW). Beaubien Wds FP, LCal: singing male, 12 Jun (WJM). Burnham Pr, LCal: 15 Jul (WJM). Salt Crk Wds: 3 on 22 Jun (DFS). Bureau Co: 3 on 17 Jun (DFS). Goose L Twp (Grundy Co): 3 on 13 Jul (AAA). Suez Twp (Mercer Co): ad male, 9 Jul (SDB). Stark Co: 2 on 20 Jul (CAT). Matthiesson SP (La Salle Co): 3 on 29 Jun (DJS). Goose L Pr: imm, 13 Jul (TAM, MFD). Midewin Pr: 2 on 12 Jul (JAS). Greenbush Twp (Warren Co): 2 males, 26 Jun (SDB). Evergreen L: 2 on 11 Jun (MJW). Hull (Pike Co): 3 males, 15 Jul (SDB). Greenfield (Greene Co): 3 (incl. pr), 9 Jul (RLJ).



Yellow-headed Blackbird female with food for young. Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 14 June 2008. At right, male Yellow-headed Blackbird at Rollins Savanna. This species is endangered in Illinois. Photos by Paul Dacko.

Baltimore Oriole

Breeding: Distillery CA (Boone Co): female feeding fledgling, 5 Jul (AEB). Mundelein yard (Lake Co): female nest building w/aid of provided yarn, late May (SDB, SLD). Midfork Sav: female at nest, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH). Busse F: pr w/4 juv, 10 Aug (ABA). Penny Rd Pond, Spg Crk FP: pr building nest in cottonwood, 2 Jun (ABA et al.). Poplar Crk FP: female feeding yg at nest in cottonwood, 16 Jun (ABA). Spg Crk Hdwaters FP: female on nest in cottonwood, 21 Jun (ABA, JV). Montrose H: pr feeding nestlings, 19 Jun (BRK ph). JP: nesting, w/yg, season (PRC). Hegewisch M, LCal: female on nest, 10 Jun (WJM, SBB). Midewin Pr: pr at nest, 31 May (JB et al.). Mazonia-Braidwd: ad feeding yg, 1 Jul; ad w/juv, 3 Jul; ad feeding fledgling, 7 Jul (JBH). Kankakee: female at nest, 25 May; ad carrying

food, 22 Jun (JBH). L of the Wds FP: ad feeding yg, 15 Jul (CKA). R Bend FP: fledglings, 15 Jul (EJC). **MC**: 21, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal, 5 Jun (DFS); 21, Bureau Co, 17 Jun (DFS); 18 & 15, Panther Crk SFWA, 10 Jun & 1 Jul (KS); 14, Herrick L FP, 8 Jun (DFS); 11, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 10 (9 males), Wood Dale Grv, 14 Jun (ABA); 10, Levee Rd, Monroe Co, 21 Jun (DMK, BAH); 10, Levee Rd, Alexander Co, 20 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 9, Burnt Pr ß, 10 Jun (VMK); 8, JP, 4 & 29 Jun (PRC); 8, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 7, Mazonia-Braidwd, 1 Jul (JBH); 7 (6 males), Lomax Twp (Henderson Co), 3 Jun–11 Jul (SDB); 7, Martinsville ß, 15 Jun (SDB); 6, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 5, ICCA, 20 Jun (JBH); 5, Kankakee R SP, 2 Jun (JBH); 5, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 5, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 5, Stillwell ß, 30 May (VMK).

House Finch

MC: 52, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 19 Jul (WJM); 13, Milford ß, 14 Jun (SDB); 12, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM); 11, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 9, Mazonia-Braidwd, 4 Jul (JBH).

Pine Siskin

Marengo (McHenry Co): 2 on 6 Jun (KML). Gurnee (Lake Co): 6–15 Jun (JSS). Downers Grove (Du Page Co): 2 in yard, season (REF, KDF). **Note**: There were likely several other early breeding attempts this spring (most nests are initiated in March/April), especially in ne. IL, after the exceptionally large winter invasion (SDB).

American Goldfinch

Breeding: Yghusband Pr: juv & ad nest building, 9 Aug (ABA). L of the Wds FP: female carrying thistle down for nest building, 11 Aug; male feeding 2 fledglings, 30 Aug (CKA). Champaign backyard (Champaign Co): male feeding 2 fledglings, 1 Sep (CKA). Mdwbrk P: ad building nest, 22 Jul (EJC). **MC**: 47, Yghusband Pr, 9 Aug (ABA); 37, Fountain Green Twp (Hancock Co), 26 Jun–17 Jul (SDB); 35, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 34, Midfork Sav, 28 Jun (SDB, SLD, MJH); 29, Mettawa (Lake Co), 27 Jul (SDB, SLD); 28, Herrick L FP, 8 Jun (DFS); 28, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 28, Kankakee, 1 Jun (JBH); 26, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, LCal, 7 Jun (WJM); 24, Ldn-Mlr, 14 Jun (DFS); 24, Busse F, 10 Aug (ABA); 24, Hennepin L, 30 Jun (DFS); 22, Palos, 11 Jun (DFS); 21, Monroe Co, 5 Jul (KAM); 20, Carl.C, 6 & 12 Jul (DMK, MSS); 20, Beaverdam ß, 11 Jun (VMK); 18, Harristown ß, 21 Jun (VMK); 15, Lost Mound, 13 Jun (SDB); 15, Andover (Henry Co), 1 Jul (SDB); 14, Stark Co, 20 Jul (CAT); 14, Walker Twp, 10 Jul (SDB).

House Sparrow

Breeding: Northwestern U, Evanston (Cook Co): nesting in Cliff Swallow nests, 16 Jun (GH). JP: nesting in Cliff Swallow nests, season (PRC). Kankakee: ad w/yg, 29 May; ad carrying food, 12 Aug (JBH). L of the Wds FP: nest building, 17 May (CKA). Champaign Co: many nests in 50 bluebird boxes, incl. 225 eggs, season (JOS). Vmln Co: nests w/eggs in nest boxes, 28 Apr; many nests in 122 bluebird boxes, incl. 277 eggs, season (JOS). Champaign (Champaign Co): some birds nesting in old Cliff Swallow nests, season (CKA). Allerton P: nest building, 6 May (CKA). **MC**: 327, Jamestown ß, 2 Jun (DMK); 307, Whiteside Co, 25 Jul (DFS); 268, Henry Co, 16 Jun (DFS); 223, Dudleyville ß, 14 Jun (DMK, MSS); 220, Beaucoup ß, 6 Jun (DMK); 148, Pembroke Twp, 4 Jul (DFS); 116, St Morgan ß, 7 Jun (KAM).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Breeding: Chau: several prs nesting in hollow metal railing of water control structure, 30 May (RGB, SNB). **MC**: 18, Camp Pt ß, 29 May (VMK); 6, Granite City (Madison), 1 Jul (DMK ph). **Others**: Lomax Twp (Henderson Co): 4 on 3 Jun (SDB). HL: 4 on 7 Jun (KAM). Walker Twp: near bird nest boxes, season (SDB). **Others (n. edge of range)**: Atkinson ß (**Henry Co**), 16 Jun (DFS). N. Stark Co: 3 on 30 Jun (DFS).

Exotics

Chukar: Sugar Grove (Kane Co): 2 on 27 Jul (GAW).
Cockatiel: Loyola P, Chi: 18 Jun & 4 Aug (SGS).
Budgerigar: Montrose H: 4 Aug (JWL).

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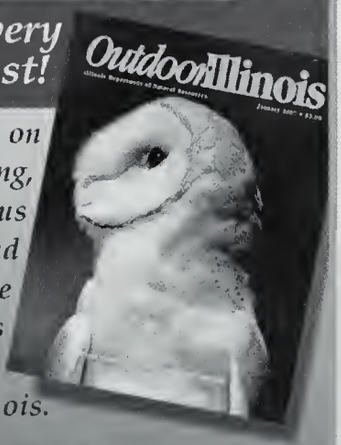

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